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Paratroopers battle for chain of heights

BEIRUT, Nov. 21 (AP) — Paratroopers from Iran and Iraq battled for a strategic chain of heights along the foothills of west Iran's Zagros mountain range Friday as a U.N. peace-making mission failed to get off the ground. Both warring countries on the northern of the Gulf reopened rocket-firing the northern and southern sectors of the 500-kilometer front.

Control of the heights is essential for bolding three towns as well as the major border-crossing Iranian city of Oas-e-Shirin which also is in Iraqi hands.

Iran claimed 1,550 Iraqi troops have been killed in the northern sector and at the southern sector cities of Susangerd and Ah-dan since Saturday. Iraq claimed 1,026 Iranian fatalities at the same fronts in the same period.

The highway town of Susangerd and the oil-refining city of Ahadan are at the eastern edge of Iran's oil province of Khuzistan, where Tehran radio said visiting U.N. special envoy Olof Palme will be taken on a frontline tour on Friday.

The former Swedish prime minister held two conferences with Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai in Tehran Thursday. Both rejected any talk of peace, vowing to fight on until the Iraqi forces are driven out from Iran's war-conquered territory.

Despite Iran's reiterated refusal to negotiate with Iraq, Palme plans to go to Baghdad this weekend for talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the second leg of the "investigative mission" the former Swedish premier undertook on behalf of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Iraq has also claimed to have shot down 345 Iranian warplanes and 87 helicopter gunships during the past eight weeks of the Gulf war, the newspaper *Al-Thawra* of Iraq's ruling Ba'ath Party reported. It forces destroyed 663 Iraqi tanks intact since the war broke on Sept. 22, *Al-Thawra*'s military report said. It was distributed by the Iraqi official news agency.

Meanwhile, Oman said Thursday Iraq and Iran had pledged to keep the Straits of Hormuz open to international shipping despite their two-month old war.

"They (Iraq and Iran) have assured us there will be no mining of the straits or any interference with the shipping," Information Minister Abdul Aziz Rowass told a press conference. There have been fears that the war might result in the closure of the waterway, used by tankers carrying Gulf crude oil to world markets.

Israeli troops arrest scores of Palestinians

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (R) — Israeli forces have arrested scores of Palestinian students during violent demonstrations in several occupied West Bank cities, military sources said. The sources said students left their schools, set up road blocks in and around the town of Ramallah and threw stones at Israeli vehicles.

The students were protesting against the wounding of 10 pupils in Ramallah and Bethlehem by Israeli gunfire on Tuesday, during violent demonstrations against the week's closure of Bir Zeit University.

In Jerusalem youths waving Palestinian flags tried to march through the city in protest against Israel's occupation of the West Bank, but were dispersed by police. A policeman who was "swept by the crowd" fired shots in the air to extricate himself, and 10 youths were arrested, Israeli radio said.

The march originated at the Damascus Gate, one of the main entrances to Jerusalem's city.

Israel radio said the military government relaxed a travel ban on a group of West Bank trade union leaders after law experts said the measure was illegal. The ban had been imposed in a dozen trade unionists in Nablus because they held a meeting in defiance of Israeli orders.

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VISITS PROVINCE: King Khalid will start a tour to the Eastern Province Saturday during which he will dedicate King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Jubail and will inspect some oil installations. The King will meet the public in several areas of the region and will inspect an irrigation and drainage project there.

Official denies ban on visas

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Friday denied that it had banned the entry of foreigners to the Kingdom. An official spokesman said that press reports to that effect are unfounded and that the Kingdom has not issued any instructions in this concern.

But the spokesman said that it is only natural that airlines abide by the rules and refuse to carry passengers who do not have valid entry visas.



APPEAL: Students, mostly British, protest outside Israeli embassy in London against the closure of West Bank's Bir Zeit University by Israeli occupation authorities. The students appealed for immediate reopening of the university and an end to the suppression of Palestinian culture and education. Embassy staff prevented the students from meeting the Israeli ambassador after waiting for several hours.

said Wednesday the soldiers had fired into the crowd only after warning shots had been ignored and their lives seemed in danger. But the televised account of the incident, broadcast throughout the world, showed troops perched on rooftops, well out of the range of stones thrown by the students, shooting at the youths below.

"My impression of the situation during the incident, as I saw it on television, is different from what the chief of staff described," an eyewitness said.

"I wonder whether the use of rubber bullets, for instance, would not be a better method of dealing with such circumstances," he added.

Meanwhile the United States expressed concern Thursday about Israeli armed forces using live ammunition in putting down a demonstration by unarmed Palestinian students. The State Department expressed deep regret at the wounding of students.

State Department spokesman John Trantner said the department was troubled by what appeared to be the policy of Israeli armed forces to fire live ammunition at the legs of demonstrators to disperse them.

In Washington, Trantner told a press briefing: "The use of potentially lethal force to disperse unarmed demonstrators can lead to grave and far-reaching consequences." He appealed to both Israeli authorities and the Palestinians in the West Bank to exercise restraint in what he called a "volatile situation."

Israel accepts Reagan's explanation

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (AP) — Israel has accepted President-elect Ronald Reagan's explanation of his decision to meet with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt after refusing a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, aides said Friday.

Israeli newspapers reported from Washington that a Reagan official informed the Israeli embassy in advance of the Reagan-Schmidt meeting and urged Begin not to take offense.

Begin was in the United States this week but did not see Reagan, since the president-elect explained that he did not want to meet foreign dignitaries lest he be accused of

But ministers must solve problems

Syria to attend summit

AMMAN, Nov. 21 (Agencies) — Syria relented its opposition Friday to holding a pan-Arab summit conference here next week, and official Jordan sources said Syrian President Hafez Assad will attend. "The picture changed so fast from extreme rejection to total acceptance, and the summit meeting will get underway as scheduled," the same official said.

He added that the 21-state foreign ministers conference, which opened here, has "conceded the existence of inter-Arab differences and promised to solve them at the highest level after the summit conference."

Syria had insisted that certain problems impeding Arab cooperation must be resolved before the summit meetings can be convened. This was overruled, with Jordan contending that the summit would be an "excellent opportunity for solving these problems."

In Damascus, however, official sources said the Syrian government had not yet decided whether to attend following what the official news agency said was the failure of a seven-member Arab foreign ministers committee to decide on a date for the summit, scheduled for Nov. 25.

Syria, Libya and other radical states wish to avoid a divisive debate on the Iran-Iraq war, which has split the Arab world into pro-Iran and pro-Iraq camps and diverted attention from the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Jordan and other moderates argue that the summit is an appropriate format for healing the rift but the hardliners argue that it will only increase the differences.

"If the purpose of this summit meeting is other than confronting Israel, Syria has no interest in attending and it is better for her to abstain," an official said.

Despite an apparent Libyan boycott, 20 Arab foreign ministers met here Thursday to prepare for the summit meeting.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, who had been expected to boycott the meeting, arrived later after what well informed sources said was the mediation of Algeria. Khaddam told reporters the purpose of the meeting was "to remove inter-Arab differences and strengthen Arab solidarity in the face of the Israeli danger."

"There will be no opportunity to talk about whether President Assad will attend the summit conference until the Arab differences are removed," said Khaddam.

Khaddam arrived after all-day meetings in Damascus with other foreign ministers from Algeria and South Yemen, the Libyan ambassador to Syria and Palestine Liberation Organization Political Chief Farouk Khaddoumi.

Attending the conference were Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Djibouti, Somalia, Lebanon, Jordan, Algeria, North

Yemen, South Yemen, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Morocco, Sudan, Mauritania, Syria, Libya and the PLO.

An Arab League source said despite the breakthrough regarding Syria, Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi was not expected to attend. But the South Yemeni president and PLO's Yasser Arafat were expected to attend. The Palestinians breathed a sigh of relief after the latest change in Syria's position.

A Palestinian source said with Syria attending, the PLO stands to gain a lot from Arab solidarity, and "the stronger the solidarity the stronger the PLO's voice and performance politically and militarily."

Addressing the same session, Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi of Tunisia underscored the "vital urgency of upgrading

economic cooperation amid initiating economic integration projects among Arab countries. A proposal to amend the Arab League Charter has been abandoned, according to Klibi.

Kaddoumi, Klibi and Foreign Minister Marwan Al-Oassim of Jordan attacked the U.S. sponsored Camp David peace process between Egypt and Israel, with Klibi warning that "some might operate under the impression that the ouster of Egypt from the Arab camp has rendered the League ineffective and futile."

He said the absence of Egypt and the "hostile American attitude and the arrogant Israeli aggressions have made the League more aware of its role in bringing the Arabs together, hence the new strength gained by the organization."

Setback for Zionists

Reagan hears pro-Arab views

By Fanzhi Asmar and Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 — In an apparent setback for Zionist efforts to control the Reagan administration's Middle East policy, the president-elect's closest advisers have reportedly decided not to recommend pro-Israeli Sen. Henry Jackson for a post in the new cabinet.

The decision, reported Wednesday by the *Washington Post*, is the latest development in the ongoing battle between pro-Israeli and pro-Arab advisers within the Reagan camp over the shape and direction of the new administration's policies in the strategically vital Middle East and Gulf areas.

Diplomats here say the battle for influence is particularly significant because for the first time pro-Arab views are receiving a serious hearing within the Reagan camp. But it is too early to say whether the spirited debate in the Reagan organization will result in a balanced Middle East policy, the diplomats note.

Jackson, a democrat from Washington state, has long been one of Israel's most outspoken supporters on Capitol Hill. He has been regarded as a leading candidate for a key cabinet post — either secretary of state or defense — in the new Republican administration largely because of his advocacy of a strong U.S. defense posture vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.

Zionist leaders have been pushing Jackson's candidacy, however, because of his Middle East views. But Jackson's name was not included on the list of possible cabinet appointments compiled this week in Los Angeles by a team of Reagan's closest

advisers, the *Washington Post* reported.

The list, which includes three to five recommendations for each cabinet position, will be delivered to Reagan, who is now in Washington, later in the week. In a related development, syndicated columnist Rowland Evans and Robert Novak reported Friday that Reagan advisers sympathetic to the Arabs "seem to be winning out over Reagan operatives selling an all-out, pro-Israel position."

Advisers who advocate a balanced Middle East approach include Governor Bill Clements of Texas, former Treasury Secretary George Shultz, and admiral Thomas Moorer, former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, according to the columnists, who are known to have good access to the Reagan camp.

Moorer "warned Reagan just before the election that Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states will never fully cooperate with the United States until the Palestinian homeland on the West Bank has been returned," Evans and Novak said.

Up until that time, Reagan had been leaning heavily toward Israel, they said, but he began to moderate his views as a result of "the efforts of the even-handed school" and because "Reagan felt Begin's government failed to show proper gratitude for his effusive pro-Israel positions earlier in the campaign."

Supporters of an even-handed Middle East policy are trying to persuade Reagan to make "a shattering break" with President Carter's Camp David peace process. They also favor selling F-15 bomb racks and fuel tanks to Saudi Arabia as soon as possible, the columnists said.

Documents stolen from consulate

CAIRO, Nov. 21 (AP) — Unidentified persons broke into the Saudi Arabian consulate in a residential area of Cairo Wednesday and "stole some documents," police sources said. The sources said the persons "entered the consulate with the knowledge of someone on the staff," because there were no signs of broken windows or doors.

The missing documents were taken from the secretarial room of the consulate, the sources said.

20 killed in Italian train crash

VIBO VALENTIA, Italy, Nov. 21 (AP) — At least 20 persons were killed and 80 others injured Friday in a three-way train crash in this Calabrian town near Catanzaro, police reported.

Police said a passenger train bound for Siracusa, Sicily, derailed and slammed into freight cars on an adjoining track when another passenger train coming from the opposite direction hit them.

Police said the two passenger trains, both express, were travelling "at full speed" in excess of 160 kilometers (100 miles) an hour. It is a ghastly sight. Some trains were destroyed completely and others flattened like sandwiches," said Dr. Franco Panisita, the health director of the Vibo Valentia Hospital.

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Development problems hold challenge

By Robert Fraga

DHAHRAN, Nov. 21 — Despite Saudi Arabia's vast oil reserves, this country is faced with serious problems of development. Its success in solving the more important of those problems will set the pace of Saudi development throughout the next two years.

In the opinion of Ali Talal Juhany, Dean of the College of Industrial Management at Dhahran's University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM), the three principal problems with which the kingdom is confronted are income distribution, falling pressure in oil fields and water utilization. The problems, which are inter-related, arise to one degree or another from the very source of Saudi wealth, its great hydrocarbon resources.

Speaking before the Dhahran chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Juhany said the country's urban population — in particular, businessmen involved in private enterprise — have benefited most from the country's economic development. Land speculation during 1974-77, for example, made fortunes for those astute or lucky enough to buy property at the right time and place. It was the country's nomadic dwellers,



Ali Talal Juhany

the bedouin, whose position was relatively bad and could only worsen, ironically since these people had played such a crucial role in building the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. How many were affected? Figures varied widely,

partly because there is no rigid definition of a 'bedu', but Dean Juhany cited the figure of 15 per cent as a maximum for that part of the population whose life style is truly nomadic and who do not reap the benefits of development available to townfolk.

Juhany, an economist who earned his Ph.D. from UCLA before coming to UPM in 1978, commented that among his audience of ARAMCO engineers there were bound to be experts who knew more about oil field pressures than he, but he had to mention this subject anyway in view of its great importance to a survey of economic development in Arabia.

During 1970-73, Saudi oil production more than doubled, soaring from 35 to 7.5 million bpd. It was the Eastern Province's Ghawar Field, largest in the world, which was chiefly responsible for this phenomenal increase. To maintain pressure in such fields, engineers had recourse to gas and water injection. But gas injection is expensive and the scarcity of sweet water has led to utilization of less pure water that destroys equipment. The quantities involved are enormous: ARAMCO injects 11.5 million bpd of water, said Juhany, who looked to continuing research as the key to the solution of this fundamental problem.

Research again was cited as the solution to the problem posed by water consumption in the Kingdom. A problem as old as the Arab presence in the peninsula, the scarcity of water has grown acute in view of present rates of consumption, which Juhany termed 'ridiculous'. Fifty percent of the country's needs are satisfied by irreplaceable fossil water. The rest comes from desalination, an expensive process. The real cost of a cubic meter of water here is given as \$2 although Juhany, citing a figure twice as high for Kuwait, doubts its accuracy. Whichever figure one accepts, the going price of water at 15

cents per cubic meter represents, in Juhany's words, "an abuse of resources", and it must rise.

Acknowledging the government's concern about income distribution, Juhany suggested that those less able to support increased water prices might be assisted by a subsidy scheme in which recipients were given a lump sum of money to be spent as they saw fit.

Despite these formidable obstacles, the over-all picture was far from bleak. "Saudi Arabia," said Juhany, "has been trying to do in a few years what other countries took centuries to do."

The new Five-Year Plan, with its emphasis on the development of human resources, is well designed to steer the country from its current income pattern to a diversified, self-sustaining and stable economy. Juhany cited as examples similar human development in countries like Switzerland, Korea and Japan. In response to a question from the floor, he agreed that there was a need to develop a female work force, a need of which the government was fully aware.

But Juhany cautioned that in a conservative country where religion played a role "unequaled even in the Vatican," problems must be broached one at a time.

There was no contradiction, in his opinion, between Islamic tenets and the contribution women might make to Saudi development. Progress had been made. One must keep in mind, said Juhany, that women were discriminated against everywhere in the world, even in the Soviet Union where emancipation had taken a dubious route. Asked Juhany rhetorically, "Is sweeping streets the sort of liberation women want?"

King promotes major

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — King Khaled issued a decree Wednesday promoting Maj. Gen. Abdul Mohsen Al-Omran to the rank of General.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Rashed Said Al-Maktoum, vice president of the United Arab Emirates, conferred Wednesday with Saudi Ambassador to the UAE Sheikh Muhammad Mansour Al-Rumaih. Talks dealt with bilateral relations.



PORTS: The Kingdom's ports still remain a major method for bringing goods into the country.

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Port traffic increases

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Goods imported through the Kingdom's major ports increased by 15 per cent in 1980 over the same period the previous year.

The amount of goods passing through the port was 45.57 million tons. The rise in food stuff imports reached 24 per cent, and 18 per cent in construction materials.

The director general of the Saudi Ports Authority, Muhammad Abdul Karim Bakr, said Wednesday that car imports this year increased by 21 per cent over last year's figure. This year's car imports numbered 380,621.

Jeddah's Islamic port handled more than half the total bulk of imports. About 25.5 million tons entered the Kingdom via Jeddah port. Second to Jeddah is King Abdul Aziz Port of Dammam that handled 15.4 million tons during the 12 months. Bakr said that 1.74 million tons of imports arrived through Jubail port on the Gulf, 1.47 million tons through Yanbu's Red Sea port, and 1.46 million tons of goods entered the country through Jizan port in the Southern Regions.

King Khaled dedicated Yanbu Port, in November, 1979, as the Red Sea's second largest port. The port had cost SR1.15 billion to build, and handles 7,400 tons of cargo a day. It will help facilitate imports for Yanbu's development projects, Medina, Qassim and the Northern Regions.

Saudi Ports Authority officials said that the port has been provided with equipment standardized according to government policy, that includes cranes of 20-ton handling capacity, forklift trucks and motorized barges. During the opening, about 2,035 workers operated the port — most of whom were Saudi Arabians.

The port's dedication marked significant progress for the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu in carrying out its task of laying the infrastructure for the new industrial town's development. Officials stressed that the new facilities would help promote economic activity in the area, and directly improve the welfare of the inhabitants by reducing the cost of goods under the instructions of King Khaled and his government.

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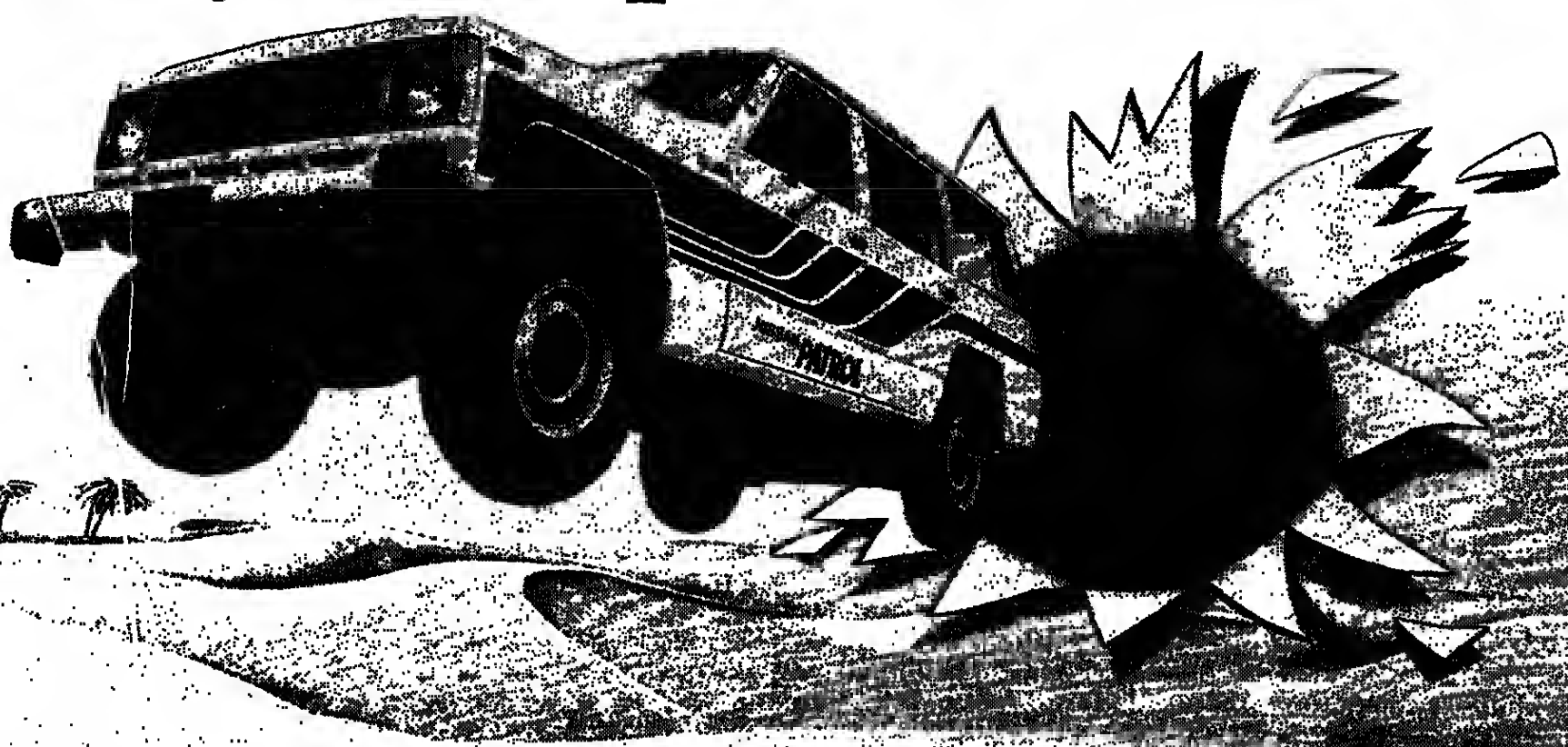
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Lebanese premier reaffirms Jihad call

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan Thursday hailed Crown Prince Fahd's call for Jihad and said the call must be followed up practically. This course is necessary since Israel is challenging Arabs and United Nations decisions by insisting that Jerusalem should be considered as its eternal capital, he said.

As a result, the premier appealed to Arab and Muslim nations to set aside their differences and unite to face the dangers posed equally to the Arab and Islamic worlds. Solidarity is the only way to meet the dangers, he said. Had there not been those splits and those controversies, the Arabs and Muslims would have avoided many of the hardships at the hands of the Zionists and the colonialists throughout their history, he added. For this reason, he explained, the Arabs and Muslims had better rally around the call launched by Saudi Arabia if they wish to minimize their tragedy.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia is deploying genuine and sincere efforts in Lebanon for an end to the bloodshed to alleviate the plight of the Lebanese, Wazzan said. And he thanked the Kingdom for its uninterrupted financial and moral assistance to his country since the civil war broke out.

In an interview, which appeared in *Al-Jazirah* Thursday, Wazzan affirmed that the agreement concluded between the Lebanese authorities and the Palestine Liberation Organization remains the basis



Shafiq Al-Wazzan

for regulating the relationship between them. Anything new that comes up in the situation in Lebanon has to be faced through complete coordination between the government and the PLO for the interest of Lebanon and the Palestinian cause simultaneously, he said.

The call for Jihad also was praised by another Arab official Thursday. Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Al-Qassim, dwelling on the fraternal relations between his country and Saudi Arabia, said that "As Muslims we are committed to Jihad which is not only a struggle, but also a question of spiritual, moral, economic, social, cultural and military preparedness. All our potentialities should be mobilized for Jihad."

Qassim said that his country will call at the forthcoming Islamic summit conference for efforts to build the intrinsic power of the Islamic and Arab worlds and for placing all potentialities at the service of Islamic causes.

He was quoted by *Al-Medina* Thursday as saying that the Amman summit will assess the Arabs' economic, political and social requirements. It also will define a positive course for an Arab drive to achieve the supreme objectives and interests of the Arab world.

Jordan is committed to the Arabs' first cause (the Palestinian issue), he said, and will honor all its obligations as agreed at previous Arab summits.

Koran institute receives SR396,000 from Khaled

ANKARA, Nov. 21 (SPA) — King Khaled has given SR 396,000 to the Society for the Memorization of the Holy Koran and the Arabic and Islamic Studies in Orfa, Turkey.

Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Turkey, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Awadi, handed the check to Bahaudin Aqul, head of the society, who thanked the King on behalf of the members and his personal behalf for the King's generosity.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan returned to Dammam Friday evening after a short visit to Jubail. Prince Sultan inspected the final preparations

at the naval base for Monday's ceremony in which King Khaled will dedicate the base.

The prince was accompanied by Commander of the Eastern Province Maj. Gen. Ali Al-Bouri; Navy Commander Col. Muhammad Al Barakati; Col. Badr Al-Saleh and other senior officers. On his departure from Riyadh Wednesday evening, Prince Sultan was seen off at the airport by his side Sheikh Othman Al-Hamid; Chief of General Staff, Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad; Air Force Commander Gen. Muhammad Sabri, Land Forces Commander Gen. Abdul Mohsen Al-Onnan and other senior officers.

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Gulf children arrive

MEDINA, Nov. 21 (SPA) — A delegation of Gulf children arrived here Thursday to participate in the first Gulf Children's festival which started Wednesday. The festival is jointly organized by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Information and the General Presidency of Youth Welfare. The festival will last till December 1st. Taking part in recreational program are children delegations from the Kingdom, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, the UAE, Qatar and Iraq.

KAU group in Sanaa

SANAA, Nov. 21 (SPA) — A delegation from King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, arrived here on a few days' visit to North Yemen. The delegation, which arrived here Wednesday will hold talks with officials from the Ministry of Economy, the Central Planning Organization, and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labor and Youth to compile data on the economic and social structures Arabian Peninsula states. The study is being prepared on the recommendation of the conference of Arabian Planning Ministers held in Doha earlier this year.

Exhibition opens

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — An Australian National Exhibition is to open here Saturday Nov. 22 Prince Majed, the governor of Mecca, will perform the opening ceremony which also will be attended by the head of the Australian Economic Chamber, Rudolf Sallinger.

Shubail heads to Australia

NEW DELHI, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Sheikh Faisal Al-Shubail, director general of the government road organization, left here for Australia Tuesday at the end of a few days' visit to India. Shubail conferred with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and officials of the Indian Railways Association on cooperation between Saudi Arabia and India. The talks covered the manufacturing of wagons, and cargo transport.

Phone bill deadline

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — Saturday is the last day for Jeddah subscribers to settle their second telephone instalment. The bills should have been paid earlier, but the deadline was extended because of the pilgrimage season, officials said here Friday. Samir Dahlan, deputy telephone director, was quoted by Okaz as saying that subscribers who settle their bills after this last deadline will be fined SR300. A further delay would bring about the total cancellation of the telephone contract. There are now several centers where subscribers in Jeddah can pay their bills.

Jeddah sports matches

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Al-Ahli beat Al-Itihad 18-14 and Al-Hilal beat Al-Wahda 20-16 at the matches that took place in Jeddah Wednesday as part of the super handball league.

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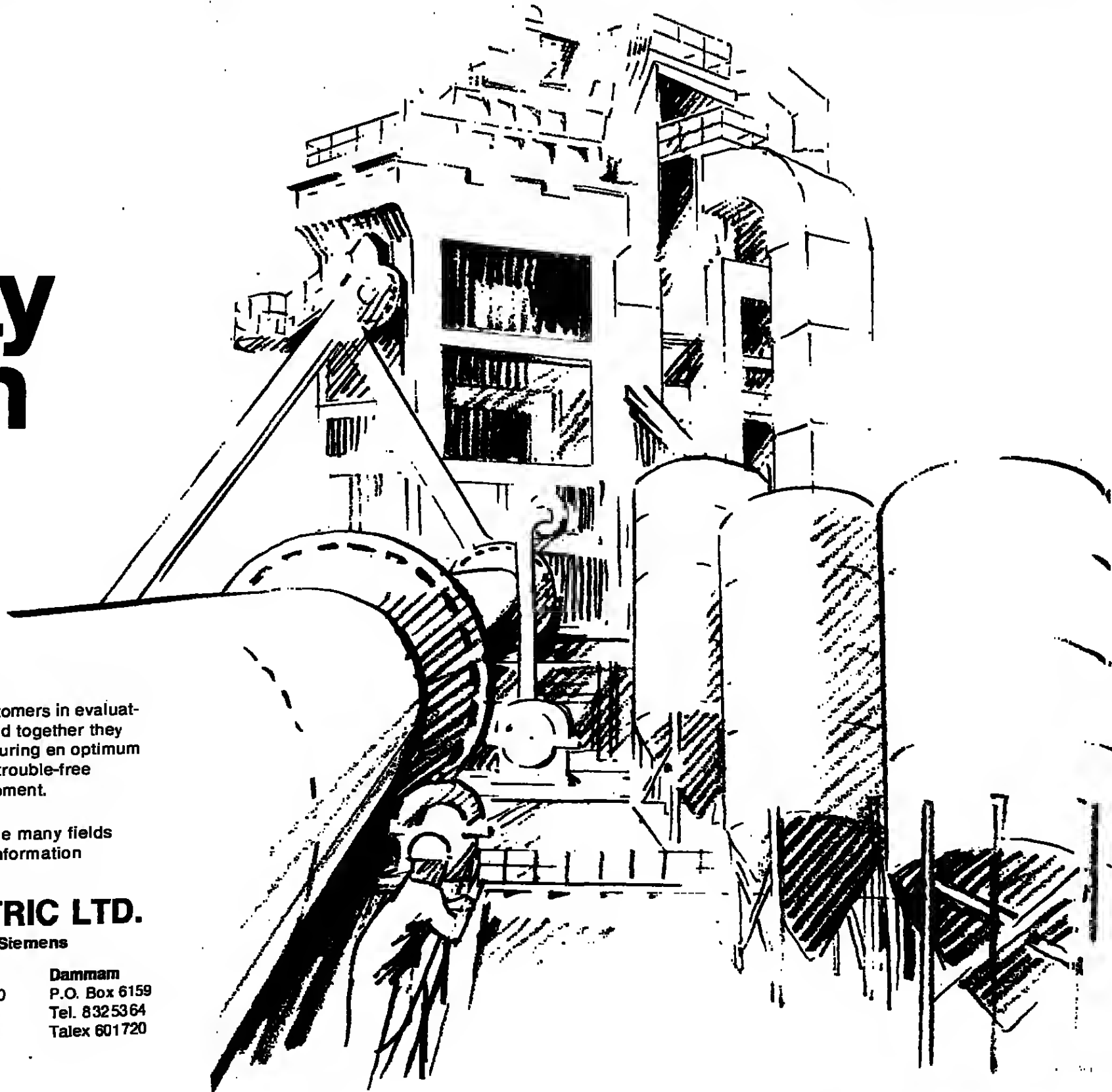
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Mideast peace a matter of time, Sadat declares

ISMAILIA, Egypt Nov. 21 (Agencies) — On the third anniversary of his trip to Jerusalem, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has said peace in the Middle East was only a matter of time. "A comprehensive settlement is coming sooner or later, it is only a matter of time," Sadat Wednesday told reporters who asked him about the prospects of extending his policy of peace with Israel throughout an Arab world officially opposed to it.

Sadat's Jerusalem meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has led to the Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed on March 26, 1979.

The issue of full autonomy for the 1.5 million Palestinians is the subject of negotiations since May 1979. So far little progress has been made, and Egypt has suggested a three-way summit with the leaders of the United States and Israel to break the deadlock.

Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has said a summit is likely after January.

Meanwhile in Washington, special U.S. Middle East envoy Sal Linnowitz has said that Israel and Egypt could reach agreement on

Palestinian autonomy within six months if the Reagan administration moved promptly to continue the negotiations.

Appearing before the House of Representatives Middle East Subcommittee Wednesday, Linnowitz urged Reagan to name his own negotiator and call a summit with the leaders of Israel and Egypt after taking office on Jan. 20.

"If the present movement and the present commitment continues, and I think it will, and if the new administration wants to go forward...then I think we have cleared away so many subsidiary issues that there's real promise for coming up with answers to the most difficult issues," he said. "That could happen in six months."

Linnowitz said his greatest concern was that the change of administrations would cause a delay in the talks.

President Carter had planned to hold a summit with Begin and Sadat either next month or in January to discuss the autonomy negotiations. But his election defeat by Reagan two weeks ago put a question mark over the future of the negotiations.

Egypt opposes Jordan role in autonomy talks

CAIRO, Nov. 21 (AP) — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has reiterated Egypt's opposition to a suggestion by U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan to have Jordan join the current stage of the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks between Egypt and Israel.

"We welcome the suggestion in principle but we object to the timing because the Camp David agreements provide for a three-year transitional period following which the Palestinians would determine their own future," Ali said.

He said King Hussein of Jordan could join the talks after this transitional period "because including him now would mean the West Bank is a Jordanian territory."

Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization have so far refused to join the talks on ground they would not lead to an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In an interview with the Cairo television marking the third anniversary of President Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, Ali stressed that the Mideast problem has not reached a dead end "so long as the autonomy negotiations are continuing."

"In addition to the fact that the Camp David accords were signed by three countries, there is a unanimous international agreement that Israel should withdraw from territories it occupied in the 1967 Mideast war," Ali added.

Jordan denies mistreatment of Syrian nationals

AMMAN, Nov. 21 (Agencies) — The interior ministry here has denied that Jordan was mistreating Syrians entering the country.

"Jordanian border authorities never reviled anybody," the statement said. Security measures were tightened a week ago to safeguard delegations that will take part in the Arab summit conference here but these measures applied to all foreigners entering the country, and not merely to Syrians.

Syria threatened Wednesday to "react" to "bad treatment" of its citizens at the border.

An official spokesman in Damascus said: "The Jordanian authorities have lately persevered in mistreating Syrian citizens proceeding to Jordan, by insulting them as well as refusing entry for the larger part of them." The continuation of this disgraceful conduct would compel the Syrian authorities concerned to take suitable measures that would safeguard the security of Syria and the safety and honor of Syrian nationals.

After government's near-defeat

Peres promises to oust Begin

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (R) — Israel's opposition Labor Party resolved Thursday to keep up pressure to bring down Prime Minister Menachem Begin and restore a planned economy following the government's near-defeat Wednesday night.

The narrowness of the 57-54 vote with which Begin survived a parliamentary no-confidence vote encouraged Labor hopes of toppling his administration well before its term expires next November.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres promised a renewed push to oust the government. He told reporters it was now urgent to bring Israel "back under proper economic management."

The no-confidence motions mounted by Labor and two smaller parties in the Knesset (parliament) grew out of popular anger over an 11 per cent surge in inflation for one month alone. The increase put Israel at the top of the world inflation league with an

annual rate of 138 per cent.

The Begin coalition heavily hit by defections over the past year, might have gone down Wednesday night if a handful of wavering independents had not been persuaded to abstain or stay away from parliament.

Economic problems for once have taken precedence over the security issues which normally preoccupy Israelis.

As the Begin administration moved into the final year of its term, there had been signs Begin intended fighting the coming election by accusing Labor of softness on the Palestinian question.

The growing economic anarchy seemed to have eclipsed the Palestinian problem. The Knesset assault against Begin Wednesday night was joined even by the ultra-nationalist Tehiya group.

Peres said: "We will introduce a planned economy. We want an economy where work is as profitable as speculation."

a half hours later, he said.

Earlier, Beirut radio said Israeli artillery shelled the Tyre area overnight, causing a number of casualties on which it gave no details. The Palestine news agency Wafa said Tyre and nearby Palestinian refugee camps and villages came under sporadic shelling overnight from the Israelis and allied right-wing militia.

Israelis pound Palestinian camp

BEIRUT, Nov. 21 (R) — Israeli gunners entered South Lebanon early Thursday and shelled a Palestinian refugee camp near the port of Tyre, a United Nations spokesman said. He said the Israelis, manning five 155 MM self-propelled howitzers, crossed into Lebanese territory near Yarin, in the central sector. They fired an estimated 18 rounds at the Rashidiyah camp and left about four and

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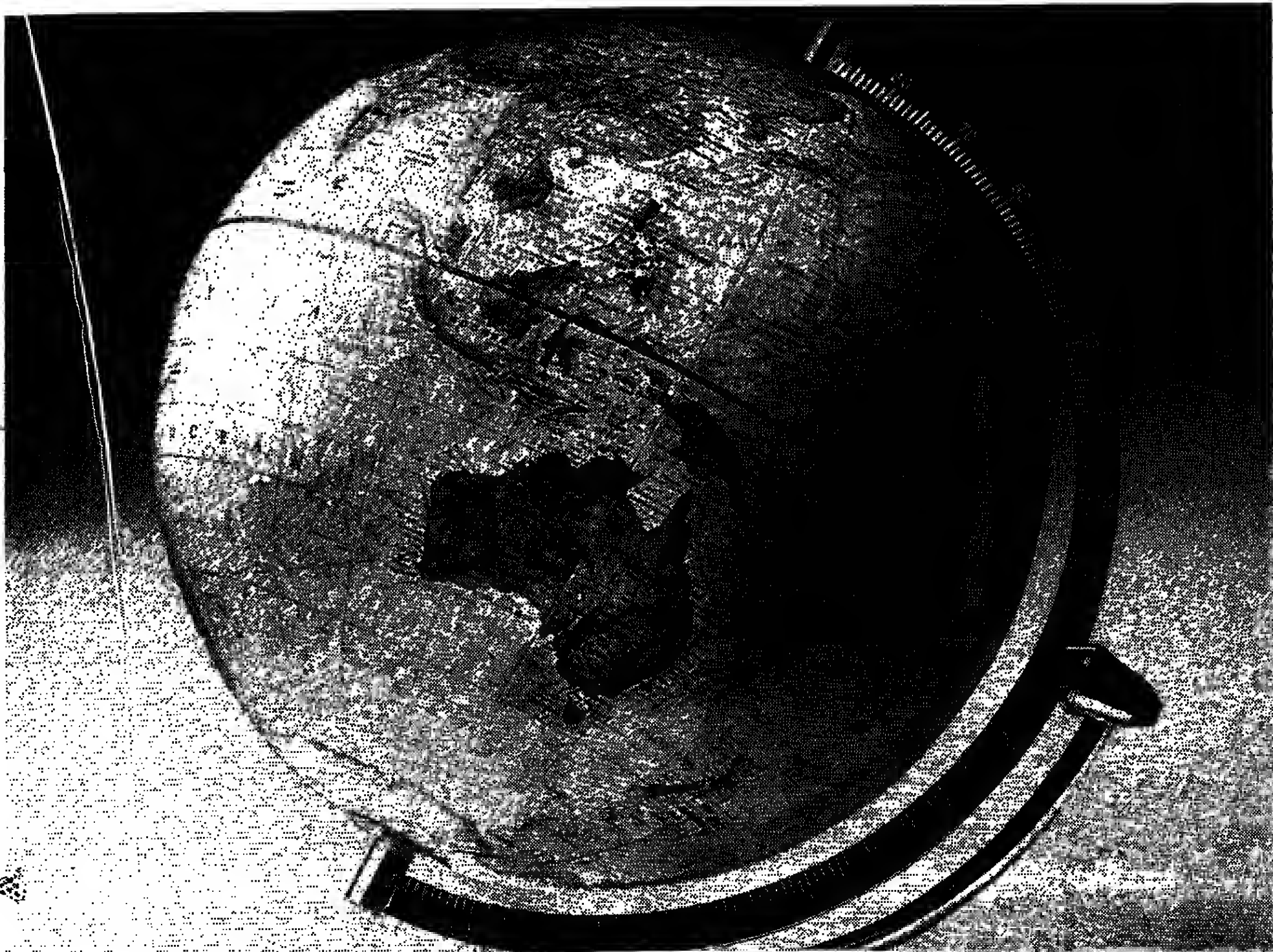
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On new JFK-Dhahran flight

Relax and enjoy Saudia luxury

By Lee Benedict

JEDDAH — Home again in record time, thanks to Saudia's non-stop service from New York. What a way to go.

It was cold and blustery at JFK. A typical November day in the Big Apple. But all systems were go at the Pan Am World Port where Saudia's non-stop leaves for Dhahran daily at 10 p.m.

Every seat was taken on the big 747 SP. Saudia and Pan Am, who jointly offer the service, had to be pretty happy about the 100 per cent load factor.

A new route pioneered by the two carriers, JFK-DHA, has been enjoying consistently hefty load factors ever since it was inaugurated.

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The SP designation after the numbers 747 stands for "Special Performance." (Boeing builds the SPs with fewer seats and more fuel capacity for long-haul flights.)

They ought to give the SP designation to their first class seating too. It's the only seating between the Kingdom and the Americas in which a six-footer can actually stretch out.

They call them "sleeperettes", which does give you the idea that they're a bit more than conventional aircraft seats.

These seats not only recline, they extend out to the length of four and half windows so that a drowsy passenger can stretch out all the way across the Atlantic. If you're the kind who has trouble sleeping on conventional flights, the Saudia sleeperettes were made for you.

You won't see much daylight between New York and the Kingdom as you race the sun across the 14,000 mile route.

You'll see daylight about five hours out of JFK, travel a few hours by daylight then catch up with darkness again as you "lose" eight hours between continents.

Movies and two sumptuous meals will keep you busy en route, though. Beef, lamb or veal (roasted on board and carved to order); grilled filet mignon, roast duckling, lobster thermidor — like Paris, Saudia Flight 24 is a "moveable feast."

Twelve hours after leaving JFK, you're on the ground at Dhahran. If you haven't moved your watch ahead, it'll say 10 a.m. Time in the Kingdom is 6 p.m.

If you're connecting to Riyadh, Jeddah or another domestic destination, there's a handy shuttle service to the domestic terminal available for two Riyals. A considerable savings over taxi service, it pays to wait for a shuttle if one isn't waiting for you.

Saudia Flight 999 is a good connection for Jeddah, leaving as it does at 7.35 p.m. You'll have plenty of time to claim your baggage, make the transit to the domestic terminal and enjoy a cup of tea before the flight is called. It's generally a widebody too.

With its New York non-stop and its new-stop to Bangkok, Saudia now serves over 60 cities out-of-Kingdom, more flights than any other carrier offers. Plus service to 21 cities in-Kingdom.

Once the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport opens on Medina road north of the city, the national flag carrier will have its own exclusive terminal for both international and domestic flights.

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Access will be via a palm-lined entrance highway stretching in from Medina road, with no lights or intersections to frustrate travellers hurrying to catch planes.

In addition to acres of parking, it is said a limousine service will connect the new airport to major hotels and other points downtown.

Across the airfield from the Saudia terminal, a new terminal is also being readied for foreign flag carriers who serve Jeddah.

About 40 other airlines serve the city, but most offer only limited service — some as few as three or four flights a week. Saudia on the other hand, will operate close to 100 flights a day on a typical business day.

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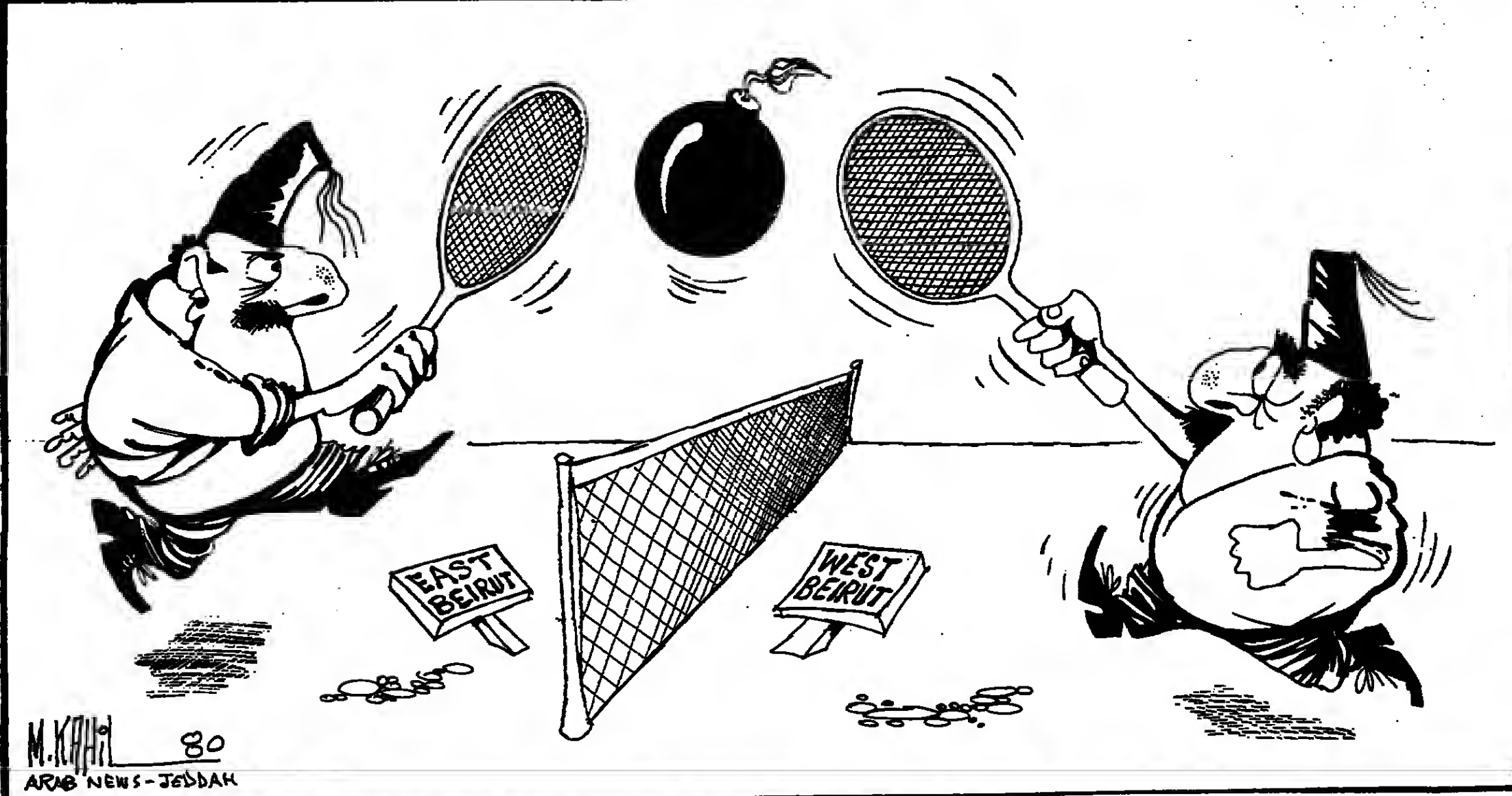
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Reagan's victory 'not a landslide, an earthquake'

By Anthony Holden
WASHINGTON — The morning after the night before, President Jimmy Carter invited journalists into the Oval Office for a long, rambling, melancholy meditation. The White House was like a tomb, its red-eyed mourners reluctant to show their faces, but the outgoing president remained defiant to the last. He did not, he insisted, feel personally rejected by the electorate. "History will show that I never flinched in dealing with the issues... I don't know of anything that could have been done better or differently... Whether anybody could do more in the future, I can't say." And so to Camp David.

It may not prove Carter's last disagreement with the American people — he still has 8 more weeks in office — but it must surely rank among his most fundamental. The historic Republican landslide was a wholesale repudiation not just of Carter, but of the postwar Democratic tradition entrusted to his care. Ronald Reagan comes to power with one of the most dramatic conservative mandates in American history.

Like Carter in 1976, Reagan was elected by barely 26 per cent of the potential electorate. Unlike 1976, however, the victor's support was as broad as it was deep. He carried 44 of the 50 states, giving him an electoral college majority of 10 to one. Had John Anderson's 7 per cent been redistributed, Reagan would still have beaten Carter by 7.5 million votes.

Twenty-five per cent of Democrats and 52 per cent of Independents voted for Reagan. He carried organized labor, other blue-collar workers, Catholics and Protestants, his native west, Carter's native south, the rural mid-west, the industrial northeast, most of the traditionally liberal east coast establishment.

By next afternoon even Massachusetts, home of the Kennedys, the only state in the union never before to have voted for a Republican presidential candidate, had fallen to Reagan. He brings with him to Washington, on his presidential coat-tails, the first Republican-controlled Senate for a quarter of a century.

The nation's capital was reeling two weeks ago. Some 2,700 presidential appointees are packing their bags — but so, to their astonishment, are several thousand more Capitol Hill staff. Many have survived recent White House bandwagons, but nothing like this. Even the Eisenhower landslide of 1952, say the veterans, pales by comparison.

Politicians, pundits, even the candidates themselves all underestimated the nation's readiness to desert an incumbent president so overwhelmingly. But it was only in the last 72 hours of the campaign, it seems, that Americans finally summoned the courage to do so. As the last week began, both camps agreed, Reagan had a clear but undramatic edge. Then came the news from Iran, the president's dawn flight back to Washington, his eleven-hour broadcast to the nation that evening. He waxed cautious but hopeful. Next morning, as if he had never left it, he was back on the campaign trail.

If voters needed a final excuse to desert Carter, he himself had provided it. It was not so much another frustration of hopes about the hostages as another demonstration of American impotence overseas. It set the Carter years in stark and dam-

ning focus. Twenty-four hours later the president's own soothsayer, Patrick Caddell, knew he was going to lose by eight percentage points.

The news was broken, aboard Air Force One, by Jody Powell. Carter broke down and wept. Later that morning he wept again, in front of his own kin and kin, in Plains. That night, at 9.50 p.m. eastern time, he became the first president in American history to concede defeat before the polls had even closed.

This last, heedless act was symbolic of Carter's distance from his own party. The Democratic coalition which had elected him in 1976, and to which he had done such grievous electoral harm. By yielding to Reagan while the west coast was still voting, Carter probably cost the Congress such Democratic stalwarts as Al Ullman of Washington state, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

The history books were quickly out, confirming the feeling that an epoch-making sea-change had taken place. No elected incumbent has been deposed since Herbert Hoover's humiliation at the hands of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. The last Democratic president to be denied re-election was Governor Cleveland in 1888 — and even he won a majority of the popular vote.

It is Roosevelt's legacy, ironically enough, which Reagan believes he has a clear mandate to demolish. "This is a New Deal Democrat, whose father was saved from bankruptcy by Roosevelt's work program, who has quoted FDR extensively even in the 1980 campaign, will now set earnestly about 'getting the government off the backs of the American people'."

He will enjoy, moreover, a degree of congressional support which surprised no one so much as the president-elect. The Senate and House results were, if possible, even more striking than the presidential rout. A quarter of a century of liberal American democracy was killed stone dead overnight.

There were anomalies, special local circumstances, and some of those who fell were more post-Vietnam neo-liberals than warmed-up New Dealers. But the roll-call of ousted senators includes nearly all the liberal standard-bearers: McGovern, Culver, Bayh, Church, Durkin, Magnuson, Nelson, Edward Kennedy, who loses his judiciary committee chairmanship of a pillar of right-wing republicanism, Strom Thurmond, is going to be a very lonely man in the 97th Congress.

"Not a landslide, an earthquake," was the verdict of Senator Howard Baker, once Reagan's opponent for the Republican nomination, now a wide-eyed Senate majority leader-in-waiting. A net gain of 35 seats in the House of Representatives — the biggest advance by a party not in power for more than 50 years — will also boost President Reagan's legislative clout.

The initial effects should be felt very quickly. As of Jan. 20, when he will be sworn in as the 40th president, Reagan will impose an immediate freeze on federal hiring, and introduce his first 10 per cent across-the-board tax cut (due to be the first of three amounting to 30 per cent over three years). His transition team, already established in smart offices on Washington's M Street, will be looking at the practicality of abolishing two federal bureaucracies: the Departments of Energy and Education estab-

lished as separate entities by Carter. Government waste is to be ruthlessly pruned. Phased reductions in federal spending will be one of the first tests of the new president's support from the new Congress.

All eyes in Washington are turned apprehensively toward M Street. The capital has taken the election result very personally, amounting as it does to a national indictment of the federal bureaucracy. The new Senate chairmen are already murmuring darkly about drastic staff reductions. Social life in Washington is expected to be much brighter under the Reagans, but fewer are going to be around here to enjoy it.

Nationally, the most apprehensive Americans are the ethnic minorities: blacks, Hispanics and other low-income, high unemployment groups who were the only voters to stay solidly with Carter. It seems likely that recent British experience will now be repeated here on a larger scale. Unemployment will be allowed to rise, federal aid to business will be curtailed. Keynesian economics, U.S.-style, were also pronounced dead on Nov. 4. Among those rejoicing was Reagan's fellow Californian, Milton Friedman.

The magnitude of the economic problems facing the new administration became even more apparent after the election, with the new rise in the prime interest rate and the gloomy unemployment and wholesale price figures.

At his first post-election press conference, Reagan said he would make the economy — "the major issue of the campaign" — his top priority. Foreign policy, the area of his least experience and expertise, will be slower to realign.

The most immediate prospects are a sharp increase in defense spending and the formal shelving of SALT II. Some hapless Reagan emissary has been sent to Moscow to talk renegotiation. Both during and since the campaign, Reagan has managed to escape specifics, beyond his reluctance to sell arms to China and his apparent willingness to base U.S. troops in Israel. His quest for the presidency, however, forced him to moderate many of his once hard-line views.

It seems clear that the U.S. will return broadly to its immediate postwar philosophy: containment of Soviet expansion as the dominant goal, all other foreign policy issues to be seen through the prism of U.S.-USSR relations. In saying "I believe in linkage", Reagan was espousing the Kissinger doctrine of relating arms negotiations to the current state of Soviet adventurism. Against this backdrop, as yet undefined "pressures" are to be brought on Cuba, and on Marxist-leaning regimes in South America and the Third World.

The role of human rights in foreign policy-making will diminish. In all other respects, however, Reagan will wish to be seen to have learned from Carter's mistakes. He promises above all "consistency and consultation" in re-strengthening the Western alliance, and is determined to avoid conflict between his secretary of state and his national security adviser.

Reagan's cabinet appointments, due soon, will thus be his first major test. On the domestic front, he is keen to draw talent from business and industry — "men", as he has long put it, "who have nothing personal to gain, indeed plenty to lose financially, by entering public service." Of Nixon-Ford advisers, Alan Greenspan seems assured of a

senior economic post, possibly secretary of the treasury.

George Schulz, former secretary of both labor and the treasury, is currently tipped for almost every major job. The president-elect is said by his staff to be "in awe of Schulz." He and Gen. Alexander Haig, who moved on from the Nixon and Ford White Houses to the Supreme Command of NATO, are front-runners for the State Department, for one very important reason.

The return of Henry Kissinger to the world stage seems inevitable. He has played a major behind-the-scenes role in Reagan's election, and has the support of former President Ford, on whom Reagan is leaning heavily. But to return Kissinger to foggy bottom would be to court immediate uproar from all sides of the new coalition Reagan has so painstakingly built.

The Flying Doctor therefore seems destined for a roving, trouble-shooting, super-ambassadorial role, designed to offset any doubts around the world about Reagan's savvy in foreign affairs. If he is to be secretary of state, he will surely help dictate who he is to be: someone who will give Kissinger a free rein. Haig would fit the bill neatly.

Women voted equally for Reagan and Carter (though the equal rights amendment is now destined for the White House shredder). There are very few women, however, around the Reagan inner circle. By far the pre-eminent, apart from the first lady-elect, is Mrs. Anne Armstrong, the former ambassador to London, who is certain of a cabinet post — probably ambassador to the United Nations.

As the guessing game begins, and the struggle for power develops, a certain friction has already become apparent between the survivors of the Nixon-Ford era and Reagan's "California Mafia". The governor, as his staff still call him (they are busy practising "president-elect") is said to consider this healthy.

If so, it is an encouraging sign that Reagan will attempt to be responsive to the remarkable diversity of political groupings which elected him. Despite the tidal wave of hard-liners now in the Senate, he will seek to preserve this new, broad-based Republican support he has forged. For a start, and as more than a symbol, there will be at least one Democrat in the cabinet: the most likely candidate being Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson as secretary of defense.

The great asset of Reagan's electoral landslide is that no one single-interest group — notably the anti-abortion lobby or the fundamentalist evangelicals — can claim responsibility. He was none too reassuring about his freedom from such influences at his press conference, but perhaps honeymoon indulgence may attribute this to post-electoral shock. When he said he would consult the "moral majority" on his cabinet appointments, Reagan evidently thought he was still campaigning.

One-term president or not Reagan knows that he has a chance to seize the nation's conservative mood, perhaps with the rest of Congress for his party in the mid-term elections, and transform the minority Republican Party into the dominant force in the American electoral college. To achieve that, he must spur the advances of his party's extremists and chart a careful, compromising course. That, from all we know of him, is in his nature. (OFNS)

FLOUTING THE WORLD

Last week, official statements were issued in West Germany, asserting the need to guarantee Israel's security within recognized borders. This week, Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir visited Bonn, seeking to capitalize as quickly as possible on the statements. He did not give much time to the important rider in the German statements: which was that the rightful demands of the Palestinians have to be met.

Israel's reply to the West Germans — indeed to the international community as a whole — has already been given, and in no uncertain terms. For within the same week the West Germans were making their statement, Israel at last deigned to reply to the United Nations on the matter of the illegal annexation of Jerusalem. The reply was of course one of categorical refusal to go back on the law through which Jerusalem was "united."

The decision had shocked the international community to such an extent that even those few countries which had embassies in Jerusalem — most of them Latin American countries, which are clients to Israel's arms industry — decided to move them back to Tel Aviv. But that made no effect on the Israelis. For the only side that can bring effective pressure on them is America which has chosen to endorse, however tacitly, Israel's criminal moves.

While the Israelis prepare new aggressive moves against South Lebanon and threaten to annex the Golan Heights formally, and while they increase their pressure on Europe to head off its change of direction toward a more equitable stand on the Palestinian issue, it is particularly sad to note that the Arab countries are yet to agree on the summit, which is due to be held in Amman Nov. 25. And it is even sadder to note that the objection comes from none other than the "steadfastness and confrontation" countries.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Almost all newspapers Thursday and Friday concentrated on the forthcoming Arab summit conference scheduled for Amman, Jordan, with papers deciding that the summit is essential to clear the air and pave the way for better inter-Arab relations.

The papers also led with the situation in Afghanistan and denounced the Soviet occupation forces in that Muslim country. They said that the United Nations was unanimous in condemning the occupation when its members discussed the situation a couple of days ago. The papers said that the matter should not stop there and that steps must be taken to enforce the resolutions calling for immediate and total withdrawal of the Soviet troops.

The worsening situation in South Lebanon was another of the main stories featured by the papers, which attacked Israel's policy of occupation with the cooperation of the renegade Saad Haddad.

Al Medina led with a statement by Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, who said that Saudi Arabia had maintained the level of its proven reserves despite increased production which now stands at 10 million barrels per day. He revealed that during 1978 and 1979 the Kingdom produced 6.5 billion barrels but kept its former level of reserves because of recent discoveries and utilization of new fields.

Commenting on the summit, Al Riyadh said that the four points debated by the conference formed the foundation of Arab solidarity as they aimed at healing inter-Arab rifts, and uniting their information media and preventing others from "fishing in murky waters."

It said that ending Arab discord must mean settling the civil war in Lebanon, facing up to the dangers in the Gulf and presenting a united front to talk to Ronald Reagan when he takes over as U.S. president next January. It also involves attempts to put an end to the occupation of Afghanistan and other plights facing the Muslims elsewhere.

Writing on the same subject Al Jazirah said it was necessary to prepare the way for a meeting of the leaders so that they may deal with the crucial issues instead of wasting their time in minor affairs.

Al Nadwa said the Arab public expects the summit to produce important resolutions. It said that the masses looked forward to a successful meeting and beneficial results.

Al Bilad called for a mobilization of all Arab resources for a real confrontation which, it said, is the decisive part of the battle. The conference is being held at a time of grave developments in the world and the states of the region must find effective ways for a comprehensive solution to stress Arab rights and stop the dissipation of its resources.

The paper expressed the hope that the Amman summit would help realize Arab aspirations in confronting Zionism and Communism because a combined Arab power would prove to the world at large that it must reckon with a strong force.

Okaz dealt with the recent United Nations resolution censuring the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. It quoted the statement made by the Saudi Arabian delegate at the U.N. who said that the Soviet Union was exporting its brand of ideology through tanks and guns just as the Zionists had done in Palestine, and it would be naive to believe the Soviet attacks on Zionism because they are doing just the same thing in another part of the world.

The paper rejected all the Soviet claims and attempts to legitimize their presence in the country and called the friendship treaty between the two countries a cloak to impose Soviet lackeys in the country. It called on world public opinion to force the Soviets to withdraw their troops from the country.

Al Medina also dealt with the same subject, saying that people should not be diverted from happenings in Afghanistan because by invading that country the Soviet Union has brought its borders next to those of Pakistan and other states in the region.

Violence mars Zimbabwe polls

By Bruce Johns
SALISBURY — Eight months after their first popular elections, Zimbabweans are preparing to return to the polls to replace white dominated municipalities with blacks to consolidate their independence. The aim is to extend political control of the seven million black majority from the central administration to local governments, traditionally controlled by the 200,000 whites.

But already the elections, scheduled for Nov. 22-23, have been clouded by mud-slinging between rival cabinet ministers in the strained coalition government, favoritism of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's dominant ZANU (PF) party, by state-owned television and radio, charges of intimidation and irregular balloting plans, and outbreaks of inter-party violence.

Victory at the polls, to determine the new makeup of 15 municipalities including Salisbury and 56 district councils, is seen as an important goal by both Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) and Home Affairs Minister Joshua Nkomo's rival Zimbabwe African People's Union (Patriotic Front).

Mugabe — with 57 of the hundred executive National Assembly seats in parliament — seeks to spread that control over most local government bodies. On the other hand, Nkomo, with 20 assembly seats, is anxious to strengthen his political hand through the councils.

But there is more at stake than simply who will

control local government. Violent inter-party clashes, an echo of the bloodshed of the early 1960s, coupled with acrimonious exchanges by ZANU (PF) and ZAPU (PF) leaders, threaten the coalition — a vital union that has prevented a broader conflict between thousands of armed rival guerrillas scattered in camps round the countryside.

At one recent rally the bulky Nkomo was dismissed as "fat man" and "fool" by one ZANU (PF) minister. And when ZAPU (PF) vice-president Josiah Chinamano called a new conference to denounce "these preachers of hatred" the ZANU (PF)-controlled television carried a brief report quoting him, out of context, only as saying his party wanted peace in the land.

"We have lost our reason if we think that winning the local government elections is more important than winning the peace and national unity in our country," Chinamano said.

Nkomo himself has repeatedly charged that radio and television are propaganda organs of the ruling party. Armed troops now guard radio and TV stations after some 1,200 ZAPU (PF) demonstrators stormed the grounds of the television building in Bulawayo recently.

Nkomo also alleged that intimidation has ensured ZANU (PF) victories in preliminary elections for many of the district councils. "People are lined up ... and ordered to vote by men carrying arms and the results (of the elections) are announced," he complained at a rally which went unreported on television and radio recently.

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Reagan breaks pledge, confers with Schmidt

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AFP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan Thursday had the two most important meetings since he has been in Washington — one with President Jimmy Carter, the other with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. It was Reagan's first meeting with a foreign leader since winning the Nov. 4 election.

After having insisted he would meet with no head of state or government until officially assuming office in January, Reagan finally gave in to West German pressure and conferred with Schmidt for an hour at the house where the president-elect is currently living here. He had failed to meet with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin who visited the United States a week earlier.

Richard Allen, one of Reagan's main foreign policy advisers and tipped to become

national security council chairman, also attended the Reagan-Schmidt talks.

No indication was given as to the content of the talks, which were kept secret until the last moment. But it was learned that Reagan said that to counter the Soviet military effort he hopes to encourage American allies such as West Germany to bear as much of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) cost as possible.

Earlier in the day, Reagan went to the White House to get a tour of his new residence and meet Carter for the first time since their televised debate Oct. 28 in Cleveland, Ohio.

"We are very happy to have you here," Carter told the Reagans. "We think you'll like the place."

\$632b ceiling

U.S. budget bid allows cuts

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AFP) — A House-Senate conference committee has pushed through a compromise proposal for fiscal 1981, which began last Oct. 1, that will give President-elect Ronald Reagan more freedom than expected to start slashing federal programs when he takes office Jan. 20.

The budget compromise, expected to be approved by both houses of Congress, fixes a ceiling of \$632.4 billion on federal spending. The price-tag for programs covered by the

proposal, however, will exceed the ceiling by \$17 billion.

With such financial maneuvering, the lame-duck Congress would present Reagan with a budget that requires cutting but would leave the new president the choice of which programs to cut.

Reagan would thus be in a position to exercise campaign promises in which he said that by eliminating "waste," he would reduce government spending by two per cent, with higher cuts later on.

Chiefs cite Italy fraud

ROME, Nov. 21 (R) — Italy's ministers of justice, defense and finance were to make separate statements to parliament Friday on a massive oil tax fraud scandal concerning evasion of gasoline duty over the past decade, a parliament spokesman said.

More than 220 members were scheduled to speak after the three ministers. Many more were scheduled to put questions to the ministers on the affair which has aroused widespread concern about the level of corruption in Italy.

The former head of the customs police, Gen. C. Aguidice, has been charged with conspiracy to commit a crime, tax evasion, corruption and dereliction of duty in connection with the case. More than 100 people have been arrested and inquiries are continuing in 22 cities.

Police are investigating the possible involvement of foreign states, the murder last year of Rome journalist Mino Pecorelli who revealed details of the fraud and the identity of the people responsible for concealing evidence of the affair until earlier this year.

Magistrates in Verona, one of the cities involved in the inquiry, Thursday issued 10 formal warnings to oil dealers that they faced possible charges.

One of the dealers was Silvano Bonetti, 52, now living in Brazil, who was arrested last week on an Interpol warrant covering charges brought by Venice magistrates. He tried to commit suicide when detained and is now in a hospital.

His lawyer in Rio de Janeiro said Bonetti, who now owns a chemical business in Brazil, would challenge his proposed deportation as he considered himself "involved in an affair of a political nature."



(AP photo)
SOUGHT: Gen. Donato Loprete, speaks at an official gathering before he left his post as chief of staff of the Italian finance guard. He subsequently exited the country and dropped from sight just as the government issued a warrant for his arrest in connection with Italy's gasoline tax scandal. He is one of several prominent officials linked to the fraud, which involved the downgrading of petroleum products to avoid paying duties.

'Racism still alive'

Blacks slam Klan verdict

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (R) — Leading civil rights leaders have called the acquittal of six Ku Klux Klansmen in Greensboro, North Carolina, a sign that racism was still alive in the United States. Vernon Jordan, president of the National Urban League, said here, "this shameful verdict can only inspire the lunatic fringe to think it can get away with murder.... It sends a clear message that racism is still alive, and that our system of justice is tilt far away from equal enforcement of the laws."

On Monday an all-white jury found six members of the Klan not guilty on charges of murdering five Communist Workers Party members at a "Death to the Klan" rally last November in a mainly black neighborhood of Greensboro.

The Justice Department has said it is study-

ing the verdict to see if there is anything it can do. In the past the federal government has sometimes brought criminal charges for civil rights violations after local or state juries have acquitted defendants in murder charges.

Dr. George Simkins, president of the Greensboro branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the decision was tantamount to giving the Klan and Nazis a licence to kill.

He said the verdict showed that Greensboro, despite all its protestations, was still a racist town. Two of the accused were self-styled Nazis. The defendants had been charged with rioting as well as five counts of murder in the deaths of four white men and one black woman.

Le Monde staffers face charges

PARIS, Nov. 21 (R) — The managing editor of the French newspaper *Le Monde*, Jacques Fauvet, and editorial writer Philippe Boucher have been charged with undermining the independence and authority of French justice.

The two journalists were called Thursday to the chambers of Senior Examining Magistrate Roger Lecante to be notified of the charges, which carry a maximum prison sentence of six months and heavy fines. The proceedings, initiated by Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte, concerned five articles published by the influential evening newspaper since December 1977 about controversial judicial rulings, mostly in cases with political implications.

They included a recent editorial on legal moves connected with alleged gifts of diamonds to President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing by former Central African Emperor Bokassa.

Peyrefitte's action has been widely criticized in the French press and by politicians of all shades including government coalition centrists and Gaullists. The justice minister said his action was because the paper violated common law and not because of its political stance.

Intelligence man found

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, England, Nov. 21 (AFP) — The body of James Campbell, an intelligence officer with the British Defense Ministry, has been found in a garden here, police announced.

Campbell, who lived in this town 50 km north of London, disappeared 11 days ago as he was going to the station to take the train to London. A police spokesman said the body was found by a man near his garden hedge 300 meters from the station where Campbell went every morning. No signs of violence were found.

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Hits inflation, backs NATO

Queen reads tough Thatcher speech

LONDON, Nov. 21 (AP) — Amid traditional glittering pageantry, Queen Elizabeth II informally opened a new session of parliament Thursday, expressing the Conservative government's determination to stick to its tough, anti-inflation economic policies and contribute to a strong NATO defense.

The queen, 54, whose speech was prepared by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, outlined a legislative program that includes bills to further denationalize state-owned industry and tighten qualifications for British citizenship.

"The need to bring down the rate of inflation and create conditions for a sustainable growth of output and employment remains the prime concern of my government," the queen said.

On foreign policy, the queen, echoing the line of Mrs. Thatcher who was elected 18 months ago, said the British government attached "great importance" to defense spending and to contributing fully to NATO.

As is traditional, the queen read the speech in the House of Lords, to which the 635 elected members of the House of Commons are summoned by a representative known as "Black Rod."

Traffic throughout the Westminster district of London ground to a halt for the annual ritual as roads were sealed off for the monarch's drive from Buckingham Palace to the palace of Westminster, home of Parliament since 1340. The queen traveled to Westminster in the Irish state coach accompanied by a sovereign's escort of household cavalry.

As parliament opened, a new Gallup opinion poll showed the opposition Labor Party, under its new left-wing leader Michael Foot, had moved to 10½ per cent lead in popularity

over Mrs. Thatcher's Conservatives, from a narrow 3 per cent edge a month ago. Voters are particularly upset about record post-war unemployment of 2.1 million.

Mrs. Thatcher now faces the prospect of hiking taxes next year as official sources report that, after nearly two weeks of debate, the cabinet has carried out only half the \$4.8

Carter named in Somoza death plot

LONDON, Nov. 21 (AP) — A British mercenary on trial for extortion has alleged that U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his security advisers were behind a plot to assassinate ex-President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua.

John Banks, 34, is on trial at London's Old Bailey central criminal court, charged with demanding \$250,000 from the Nicaraguan Embassy here to stop the alleged plot. His trial comes nearly two months after Somoza was killed in an ambush in Paraguay, where he was living in exile after being overthrown in July 1979.

Banks testified that he met in a London hotel with a "Col. Frank Sturgess of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)," who named Somoza as an assassination target.

"I was told orders for the assassination had come from President Carter and his security advisers," Banks told the court.

He quoted "Sturgess" as saying the Somoza held regime was on the point of collapse, but if Somoza on there was the possibility of a Cuban invasion.

"If Somoza could be killed, the opposition would set up a moderate government and not want to be totally dominated by Cuba," Banks continued. Banks claimed the assassination was thwarted because members of the "hit team" did not want to kill a right-wing president.

billions in state spending cuts demanded by her treasury ministers.

Defense spending by the Thatcher administration may escape with only a token reduction after Defense Secretary Francis Pym argued that substantial cuts would mean defaulting on Britain's commitment to NATO.



Anastasio Somoza

"We expressed concern and astonishment at the contract. I was chosen to blow (expose) the operation," Banks added.

He said it was decided to give the Nicaraguan government details of the plot and ask for \$250,000 a safe house in Nicaragua for each man and a job on the president's bodyguard in return.

Banks said he had originally agreed to kill an unknown person. "I could not withdraw as I would be a security risk to the operation team and their paymasters and the results could have been fatal for me," he said.

J. Stevens sentenced to 15-year term

LUGANVILLE, Espiritu Santo, Nov. 21 (R) — Rebel leader Jimmy Stevens pleaded guilty Friday to 11 charges relating to his abortive three-month revolt on the South Pacific island of Espiritu Santo earlier this year. William Kattan, public prosecutor of newly-independent Vanuatu, said that Stevens, 58, was sentenced in jail by Chief Justice Frederick Cook and two assessors in the court at Luganville, Santo's main town.

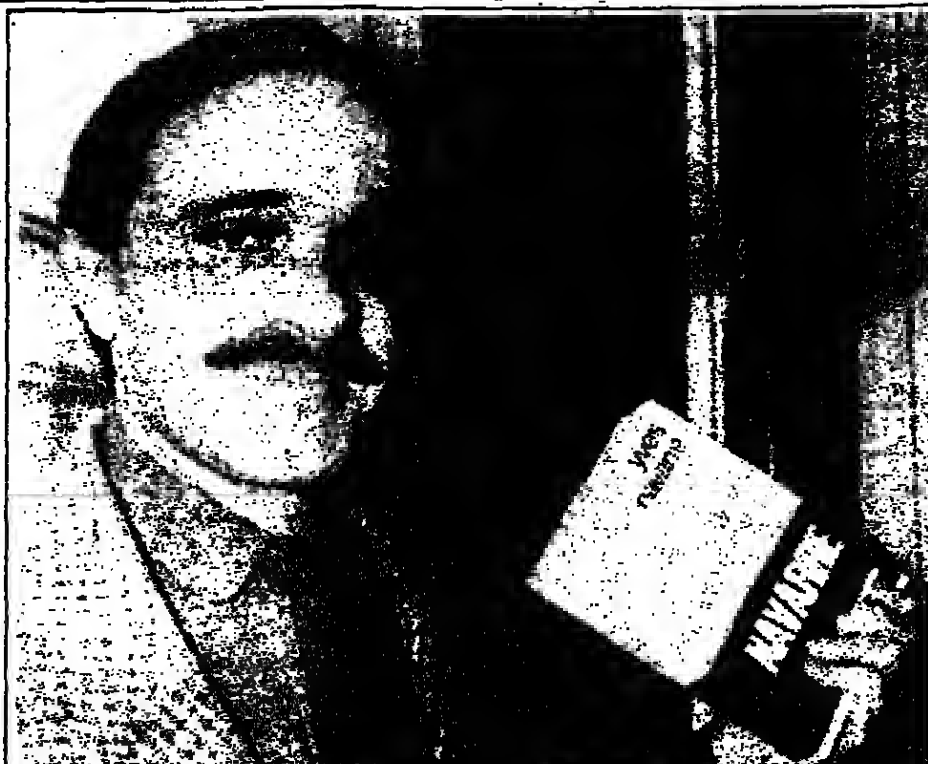
The charges included training an army, instigating rebellion on Santo and other islands, attempting to secede from Vanuatu, receiving stolen arms and dynamite and managing an unlawful assembly.

The last charge related to Stevens' establishment of his own provisional government on Santo, after seceding from the rest of the islands in the South Pacific group, formerly the New Hebrides. The rebellion was crushed early in September by Papua New Guinean troops, called in by the new government shortly after the islands were granted independence by Britain and France.

Kattan said Stevens, a former bulldozer driver, faced a maximum jail sentence of up to 40 years. Timothy Wells, described in court as Stevens' right hand man, was jailed Thursday for eight years.

Kattan said although Stevens pleaded guilty, his lawyer, from the nearby French territory of New Caledonia, presented a 50-page plea of mitigation. The public prosecutor gave no details of the plea.

The rebellion was backed by most of the French settlers on Santo, richest and biggest of the islands in the group. About 50 people, most of them holding French passports, have been deported because of their part in the rebellion.



PRIZEWINNER: French novelist Yves Navarre shows off the book that won him France's top literary prize, the Prix Goncourt. Called *The Acclimatization Garden*, it chronicles the misfortunes of a homosexual.

Tekere trial adjourns as judge considers verdict

SALISBURY, Nov. 21 (AP) — The murder trial of cabinet minister Edgar Tekere was adjourned indefinitely Thursday for the trial judge to consider his verdict. Court officials said they expect his judgment by mid-December.

Tekere, 43, minister of manpower, planning and development, went on trial Nov. 3 along with seven of his ex-guerrilla body-

guards. They were charged with murdering white farmer Gerald Adams, 68, last Aug. 4 on the farm he managed near Salisbury. They were also charged with the attempted murder of five black soldiers on the farm the same afternoon.

The defendants can be sentenced to death by hanging if convicted by the judge and two assessors. There is no jury. All eight of the accused have denied the charges.

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Free zones created for U.S. banks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP) — The U.S. Federal Reserve Board has tentatively approved creation of free-trade zones for American banks doing international business in this country, a move supporters said could cobble competition and bring back jobs from overseas.

In return for certain conditions, banks would be able to conduct some international business from their main offices in the U.S. without being subject to reserve requirements and interest rate ceilings. Foreign banks operating in the U.S. already enjoy these exemptions.

The Federal Reserve said it will release details as early as next week. Public comment would be accepted for 30 days. With final approval, the plan would take effect Oct. 31.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.50	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	107.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	172.00	176.00	174.30
Dutch Guilder (100)	154.00	—	160.80
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	89.00	90.20
French Franc (100)	74.00	76.00	75.36
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	43.00
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	37.00	36.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.80
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.08	11.04
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	—	12.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	94.00	93.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	83.00	81.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.93	8.00	7.97
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.40	91.00
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	44.50	45.75
Swiss Franc (100)	142.00	143.00	143.50
Taiwan Dollar (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	44.00	—
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U.S. relies on foreign oil until end of this century

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (R) — The United States will have to rely on foreign oil for at least the rest of the century, a senate report said Thursday. The report, by the Staff of the Energy Committee, also said future oil supplies were likely to be interrupted and recommended that foreign policy and defense strategies be tailored to lessee this likelihood.

Supplies should be stockpiled to reduce the impact of an oil cutoff, it said. The report was criticized by Republican members of the committee, who said it virtually ignored the potential for increased domestic energy production.

"Energy self sufficiency cannot be accomplished within this century, left alone within the next 10 years," the report said. It said the assumption that energy independence was economically feasible had led the United States to focus on long-term policies for reducing imports. But it said these policies would not eliminate the main dangers of the gathering energy crisis.

The report said the Iran-Iraq war made an interruption in Middle East oil supplies more probable, even if the conflict were settled soon, it said, a wide variety of other regional

tensions could explode, leading to a new break in oil supplies.

It recommended that the United States build a domestic petroleum reserve by filling the strategic petroleum reserve as quickly as possible and also by encouraging private stockpiling. The senate voted earlier this week to call on the government to increase its filling of the strategic reserve from a rate of 100,000 barrels to 300,000 barrels a day.

The report also said the United States should develop plans with its allies to prepare for an energy emergency, saying "collective action...is essential if we are to avoid the catastrophic consequences of unrestrained efforts by consuming government to obtain privileged access to oil."

Meanwhile, U.S. home heating oil prices appear headed for a new surge after doubling between the spring of 1978 and the end of last winter as world oil prices soared, industry analysts say.

The analysts say the expected price rise is linked to a dime-a-gallon jump in prices on spot markets, where individual cargos of oil are traded, as speculation and worries continue to mount over the cutoff of oil from Iran and Iraq.

Rising U.S. crude oil prices — the result of a gradual lifting of federal oil price controls — and cold fall weather also are expected to push heating oil costs higher, the analysts say.

BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (R) — Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto met Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Sabah Thursday for talks to prepare for next month's ministerial meeting of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). The Kuwait News Agency said Subroto left here later for Frankfurt to meet OPEC secretary-general Rene Ortiz.

HAVANA, (AFP) — Two weeks of heavy rain have wreaked havoc among newly-sown tobacco zones in Cuba. Vuelta Abajo in Pinar del Rio province, the best of the tobacco-growing regions, has been hit by the rainfall, stemming from two tropical storms and a typhoon.

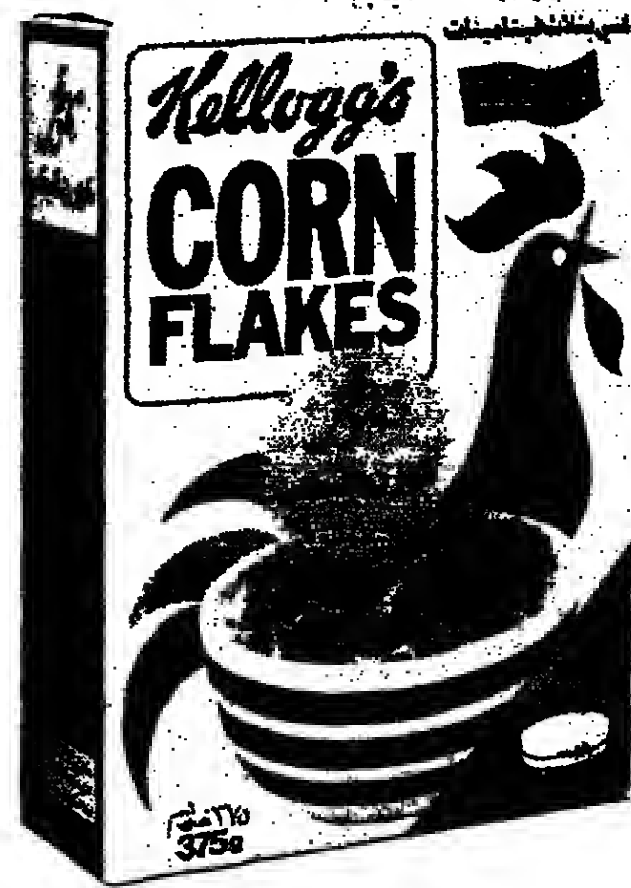
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Japan tows damaged rig for repairs

TOKYO, Nov. 21 (R) — A Japanese-made offshore oil and gas drilling rig was damaged in a storm near the Soviet far east island of Sakhalin late last month and is being towed to Japan for repairs, the Sakhalin Development Cooperation Company (Sodeco) said here Thursday. A Sodeco spokesman said the Soviet rig, Okha, suffered damage to its helipad and other facilities during the storm while it was being towed from a drilling site in the Chayvo region to an east coast port.

There were no casualties aboard the rig, which in the summer struck oil and gas during a test drilling off the north-west coast under a joint Soviet-Japanese venture. Odeno, which has been exploring for oil with the Soviet Union since 1978, said it had no precise details of damage to the rig, completed this year by the Mitsui Ocean Development Company at a cost of about \$30 million.

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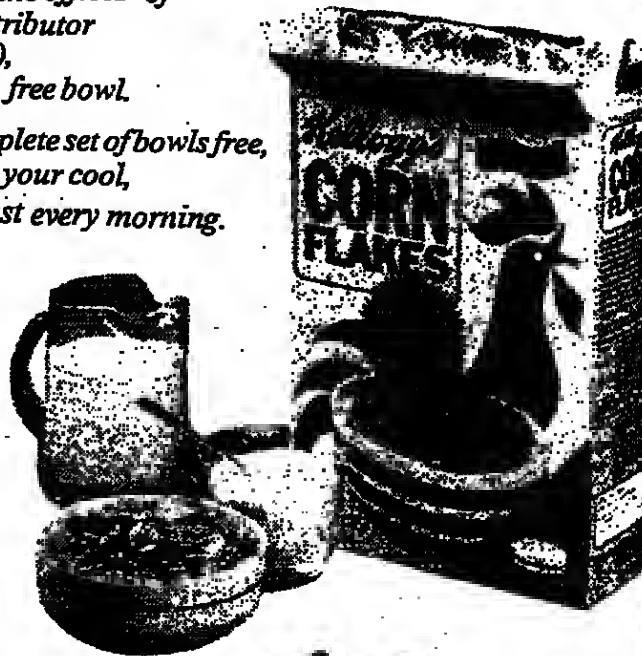
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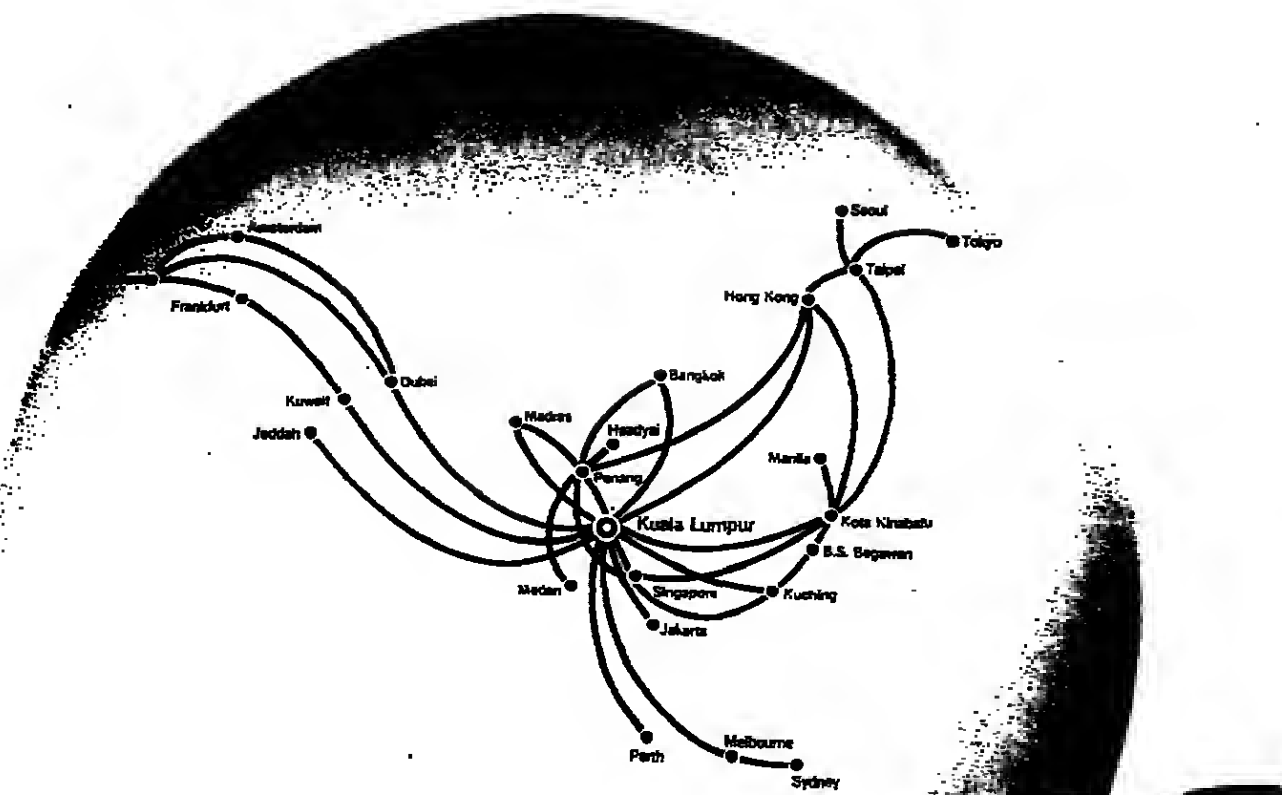
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Aston Villa travels to Liverpool

LONDON, Nov. 21 (AP) — English League champion Liverpool plays Aston Villa Saturday hoping to set another soccer milestone.

A win or draw will mean Liverpool has gone a record 60 league matches at Anfield without a defeat.

The match will also have a big influence on this season's championship race. Aston Villa travels to Merseyside on the crest of a 12-match undefeated run and holds a three point lead at the top of the standings.

Liverpool — bidding to eclipse Millwall's 59-game unbeaten run in 1964-66 — has not lost at home since January 1978. The champions for four of the last five seasons, Liverpool has recorded 46 victories in 59 starts, scored 137 goals and conceded just 24.

Ron Saunders' Aston Villa squad — tough and resolute in defense and sparkling with ideas on attack — will have its title ambitions truthfully examined.

Villa's teenage striker Gary Shaw is confident his team will do itself justice. "I reckon that we can take at least a point," said Shaw. "I do not think Liverpool are the team they were."

Liverpool will be without defender Phil Thompson, who has a broken collarbone, but

striker Kenny Dalglish is expected to be fit after a leg injury.

Saturday's program is full of outstanding matches. European Cup holder Nottingham Forest is at home to title chasing Ipswich, Arsenal entertains Everton and improved Brighton faces Manchester United.

Everton, which produced excellent early season form, is currently in fourth place — ahead of Arsenal on goal difference. Ipswich, one point ahead of Liverpool in second place.

will be hoping to overcome its long injury list at the city ground.

Tottenham won 3-0 at Nottingham last weekend — underlining Forest's current problems. Manager Brian Clough's worries this week increased when Scottish international winger John Robertson asked for a transfer.

Brighton's recovery — highlighted by two successive wins — will be fully tested by Manchester United.

England, Ireland set pace in World Cup qualifiers

LONDON, Nov. 21 (AP) — The British Isles teams are making the pace in the European race for places in the 1982 World Soccer Cup in Spain.

England edged Switzerland 2-1 at Wembley Stadium Wednesday night — a not very impressive performance — to regain the lead in Group 4 with four points from three games.

Romania, which beat England in Bucharest last month, has three points from two games.

With the 1982 World Cup extended to 24 teams, instead of the usual 16, two teams will qualify from most of the European groups. Both England and Romania will anxiously match Hungary, which has yet to play its first game.

The Republic of Ireland smashed Cyprus 6-0 at Dublin and raced away to a three points lead over France in Group 2. The Irish have seven points from five games and France four points from two games.

Standings

Group 1 (Two teams to qualify)

	P	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Austria	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Bulgaria	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Albania	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
Finland	3	0	0	2	0	6	0
West Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 2 (Two to qualify)

Republic of Ireland	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
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France	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Belgium	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Holland	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Cyprus	3	0	0	3	2	16	0

Group 3 (Two to qualify)

Wales	3	3	0	0	9	0	6
Soviet Union	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Czechoslovakia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Turkey	2	0	2	1	7	0	0

Group 4 (Two to qualify)

England	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Romania	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Norway	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Switzerland	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 5 (Two to qualify)

Italy	3	3	0	0	6	0	6
Yugoslavia	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Greece	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Denmark	4	1	0	3	5	5	2
Luxembourg	3	0	3	0	0	11	0

Group 6 (Two to qualify)

Northern Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Israel	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Scotland	2	1	1	0	1	1	3
Sweden	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Portugal	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Sweden	4	0	2	2	1	5	2

Group 7

Poland, East Germany, Malta. (One to qualify). No games played.



READY: Striker Kenny Dalglish, right, racing Crystal Palace's Paul Hinshelwood for the ball last week, is said to be fit for Liverpool's match Saturday with Aston Villa. Dalglish had suffered a leg injury.

Navratilova drops Goolagong

HONG KONG, Nov. 21 (AP) — Martina Navratilova beat Wimbledon champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley 7-5, 6-4 to win the \$50,000 Invitational Challenge Match.

Navratilova, who defected from Czechoslovakia and now lives in the United States, came back from a 1-5 deficit in the first set to

win the error-marred match for the \$30,000 winner's purse.

Both players failed to produce their best form on the extremely slow indoor court but Goolagong broke Navratilova's service in the fourth and sixth games to lead 5-1. Navratilova came storming back to win the next six games and the opening set 7-5.

Amaya upsets Dibbs in rich Dubai open

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates Nov. 21 (AP) — Victor Amaya, a tall 26-year-old American southpaw, scored a 6-3, 6-4 upset over Eddie Dibbs in the opening round of the Dubai golden tennis tournament, the richest ever held.

Dibbs, third seeded going into the tournament Wednesday still has a shot at some of the \$680,000 in prize because the turney is being played on a round-robin format. The 16 competitors have been divided into four groups with each player meeting three opponents before the finals on Sunday.

In another singles match, Argentinian star Guillermo Vilas, another left-hander favored to win the \$125,000 first prize money, beat Yannick Noah, ranked No. 1 in France, 6-4, 6-2.

Vilas, who is fourth-rated in the Grand Prix computer rankings, told reporters after the match that the 100-degree heat made it difficult to concentrate and said he thought both players could have played better.

Wojtek Fibak, ranked No. 4 in the Dubai tournament and virtually a national hero in his native Poland, survived a first set loss to Boh Lutz of the United States to win a 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory in a two-hour, sun-drenched battle at the Al Nasr Leisureland tennis club here.

Reid keeps lead in Japanese golf

MIYAZAKI, Japan, Nov. 21 (APF) — First round leader Mike Reid of the United States shot a rather disappointing four over par 76 in winds and rain but clung to his lead with a 140, four under par, on the second day of the \$330,000 Dunlop Phoenix golf tournament here Friday.

Strong winds and heavy rain played havoc with many players and only two managed to return sub-par score cards.

Reid had six bogeys against two birdies on the 6,391-meter par 72 Miyazaki Phoenix Country Club course in this Southern Kyushu city.

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Rugby season opens as Jeddah tops Taif

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — A goal and three tries allowed an adventurous, opportunistic Jeddah R.F.C. team to run out 16-9 winners over Taif R.F.C. in a fine rugby match at the Jeddah Arms Park, Thursday.

But while Jeddah deserved to win, full credit must also go to Taif for a spirited defense which continually frustrated the marauding Jeddah players and battled gamely to hold the scoreline to respectable proportions.

Jeddah drove forward from the kick-off yet their enthusiasm often resulted in poor control and finishing. Overwhelming control, though, in set scrums and mauls eventually paid off in the 17th minute when a break by Rodgers resulted in Price scoring between the posts.

The easy conversion put Jeddah 6-0 ahead and their superiority threatened a deluge of tries. Taif, had only cotered the Jeddah half three times at this stage and two of those were from long kicks.

The cheering local supporters were quickly silenced though, when a mistake by a Jeddah back gave Taif a penalty in front of the posts straight from kick-off. Searle converted to put Taif back in contention.

Injuries plagued Taif throughout the match and five replacements were brought on, four in the first half. This gave the team a slightly makeshift appearance and often resulted in poor support when it broke into attack, causing breakdowns at the first maul. Jeddah was thus able to control the loose play almost totally and with Bloomfield commanding play at the back of the scrum, could move into a attack almost immediately.

In the 32nd minute, Taif was penalized for not returning ten yards at a free-kick. Bloom-

field quickly took a short penalty and drove for the line, slipping the ball to McMahon, who crashed over in the corner. Taif thus found itself 10-3 down at half-time.

The second half again saw Jeddah mount repeated attacks but Taif responded equally well with solid defense and the occasional break forward. Rose was a central figure in the defense, directing the threequarters and relieving pressure with long kicks back into the Jeddah half.

Again, though, sustained Jeddah pressure brought its rewards, and tries by Rodgers and Evans in the 53rd and 55th minute put the match beyond doubt. Taif appeared to tire and lapses in defense allowed Rodgers to dummy two players and score between the posts, and Evans, supporting a break by Tolbert from a lineout, to sprint 30 yards for the fourth Jeddah try.

Taif was not finished, however, and as the heat and sand took its toll on both sides, the team managed to find a second wind and break through the weakening Jeddah cover defense to score a consolation goal.

The final score did not really give a true account of the match as a whole. Jeddah dominated more than its seven-point victory suggested, but poor finishing saved Taif on several occasions.

The enthusiastic crowd was treated to a thoroughly entertaining match, though, because of Taif's refusal to crack under sustained pressure and its willingness to counter-attack when a chance came.

The return at Taif is scheduled for Dec. 11 and Jeddah has another home fixture against Ampidies R.F.C. on Nov. 28 kick-off at 2:30. Enquiries from players or supporters should go to Tony Wood at 6829454.



LOOK OUT: Bernard Bloomfield, the Jeddah scrum-half, here pressed by his Taif opposite number, feeds the ball out to set up another attack.

Keeps league lead

Ittihad swamps Jabalein

By Manir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — Undefeated Ittihad held onto the lead of the soccer league Thursday by beating Jabalein 4-0. Ittihad has collected nine points in seven matches, dropping three points by drawing three matches. No other team is undefeated.

The game began with an unorganized display from both teams for the first two minutes. Ittihad was attacking through Tamim Al-Hazami, the international Tunisian striker, who tried to break through Jabalein's defense. In the 15th minute, Ittihad's forward Theo Buckner maneuvered near the 18-meter line, attracting Jabalein's defenders to the half circle. He kicked the ball forward to accommodate for teammates' speed.

The trick almost paid off. But Abdullah

Ghura didn't shoot quickly enough, and he was overtaken by the defense.

After missing several opportunities, Ittihad built its confidence and mounted pressure on Jabalein, which had Andreas, a foreigner, in its defense. Jabalein offered a few attacks, but the disorganization between its Cypriot attacker George Millas, who played for the first time with the team Thursday, and Diran Al-Diran, the right wing striker, was obvious.

In the 36th minute, Osman Marzouk scored Ittihad's first goal on a pass by Tamim. With the crowd cheering, Ittihad dominated the game thereafter. Referee Abdul Rahman Al-Mazari ruled a penalty in Ittihad's favor when Abdullah Ghura 'was harassed by Jabalein's defenders. Tamim kicked the penalty for the second score.

Tamim, who initiated Ittihad's attacks, scored the 3rd and 4th goals for his team in the second half, as well. However, the fourth goal caused a controversy. Tamim shot the ball after taking two defenders. The ball headed into the net, but bounced out and off the field. The referee came to the goal and checked the net, and said it was a goal. He presumably fouled the net.

In mid-week matches, Hilal triumphed over Nahda 4-0 in Riyadh Tuesday, while Qadisiyya disappointed Ittifaq 2-0 in Dammam.

Davis carries Suns past Lakers

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP) — Stylish Phoenix guard Walter Davis might as well have been snoozing for the first three quarters, but his fourth-period, 14-point awakening sparked the Suns to a 102-99 National Basketball Association victory over the Lakers.

In other NBA action Thursday, Milwaukee beat Portland 97-93, Houston stopped Cleveland 117-114 and Detroit tipped San Diego 97-90.

Davis, who wound up with 20 points,

poured in the last four for the Suns, including a game-winning layup that put Phoenix on top 100-99 with 44 seconds to go. He also added a jumper with 13 seconds left.

The Lakers, 15-6, failed to cash in a desperation three-point shot by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar at the end and fell 2½ games behind the Suns in the NBA Pacific Division.

The Suns, 17-3, trailed most of the way until Johnson stole the ball with 1:04 to go and went from a breakaway layup to tie the game at 98-98. That set up Davis' heroics.

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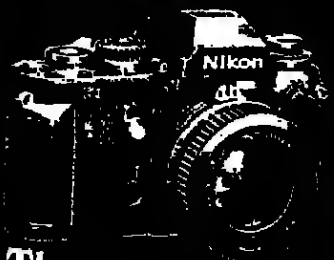
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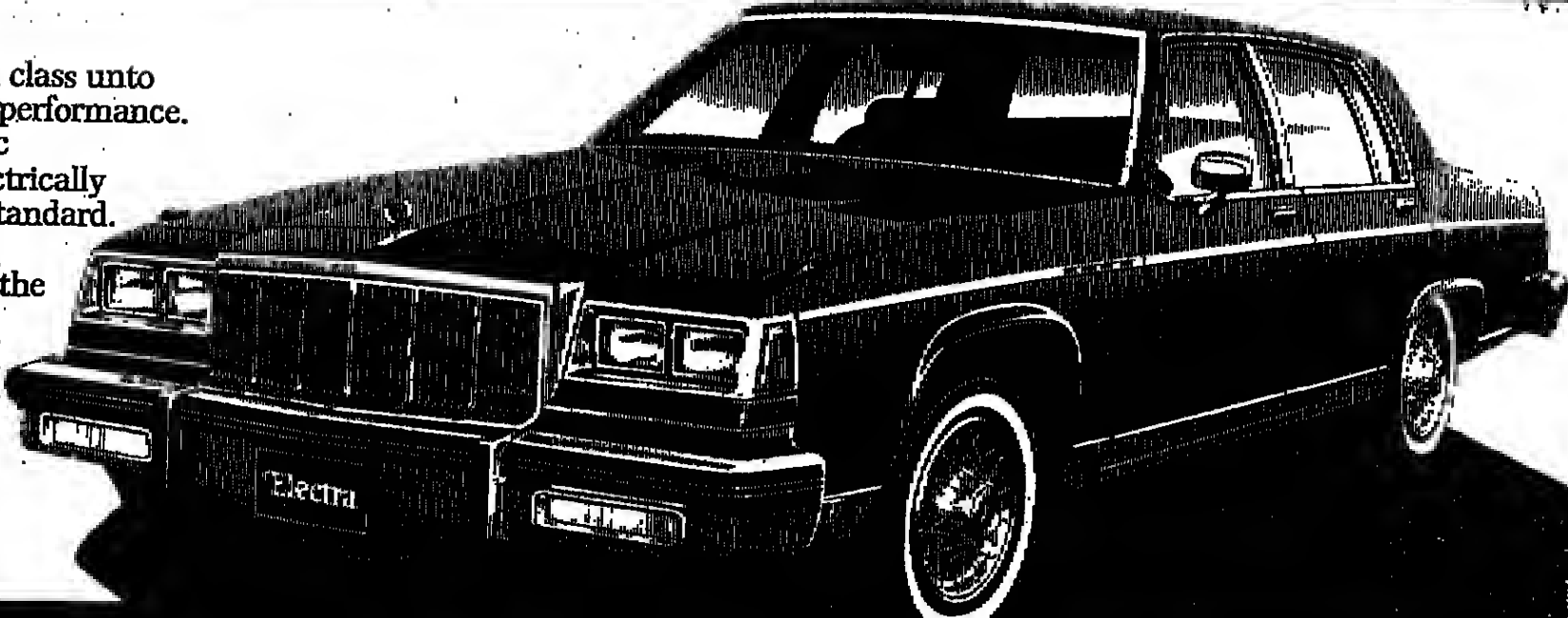
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♥ 82
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N W E S
A887
♥ A763
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♥ AK
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Expect a development regarding travel and educational plans. Luck comes through close allies, but you'll have to hold on to it.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) The focus is on finances and personal resources. Work is your best bet for general financial improvement. Watch expenses.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Things go your way now. Dating and entertainment plans favored. However, you're inclined to overdo and should watch health.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in the mood to catch up with neglected tasks. Act while the spirit moves you; later you'll meet distractions.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) The focus is on your social life. Travel is also a possibility. Enjoy the company of others, but expect some ups and downs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're career oriented and may meet with job opportunity. Don't complicate things by demanding or insisting on your rights.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Travel and educational pursuits bring satisfaction. Expand your horizons, but keep an eye on costs. Optimism brings benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A favorable financial opportunity may come now. Still, there may be some strings attached. Be willing to share with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Luck is with you in dealing with close ties. Still, you'll have to be tolerant of others' shortcomings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're willing to work your way to the top and may have that kind of opportunity. Today finds you easily distracted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Invitations for travel should be accepted. Dating plans should prosper. The p.m. doesn't favor mixing business and pleasure.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) A favorable time for home activities. You'll come to an important decision. Luck is with you, but don't dissipate benefits.

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Equivalent
- Ricobet
- Latin poet
- Cooking oil source
- Penalty
- Biological divisions
- Clay today
- Fire (Fr.)
- Meat cut
- Unrestrained
- Ocean (abbr.)
- Turned on
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- Corolla leaf
- Uninhabited regions
- Pale
- Chewing shape
- American Indian
- Corot's colors
- Plant
- Stripe
- Jinx
- Glossy paint
- Harvest
- Expand
- Gaelic
- Sacrificial spot
- Undress

DOWN

- Until now
- Province of Spain
- Downstroke in penmanship
- Dutch city
- Compelling
- Alaskan inhabitant
- Performer "Tin Tin"
- Complete
- Had coming
- Some fur coats
- Meet with defeat
- "— it again, Sam"
- French author
- Took a break
- Baltic country
- Hersey novel
- Amalgamate
- "Ain't Misbehavin'" man
- Art representation
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Gang trial opens

Jiang's pride shocks Chinese

BEIJING, Nov. 21 (R) — Mao Tse-Tung's widow, Jiang Qing, strode proudly and defiantly into the courtroom where she was charged with "counter-revolutionary crimes" as the "Gang of Four" trial, long-awaited by the Chinese, got underway Thursday.

Millions of Chinese television viewers saw her enter the court, looking every inch the companion of the man who ruled Communist China for 27 years. She alone of the 10 defendants looked unhurt after four years of detention.

The so-called "Gang" headed by Jiang Qing went on trial together with six other alleged conspirators from the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. The 67-year-old former Shanghai actress was the last of the defendants to enter the court, looking 10 years younger and apparently confident that she was the star attraction.

Wearing a dark blue Mao style dress, she walked with her head held high and smiled as she entered the dock. Chinese, who expect their criminals to be repentant, expressed shock at her proud demeanor.

Jiang Qing had changed little in appearance since she was last seen in public in 1976, the year of her husband's death. As she was guided into the dock by an armed woman guard, Presiding Judge Jiang Hua, himself a victim of a Maoist purge during the Cultural Revolution, called out, "The defendants will be seated."

First to enter was the youngest Gang member, Wang Hongwen, 45, his head shaven like a common Chinese criminal. Wang is reported to have turned state's witness and informed on the other Gang members in an attempt to receive a lighter sentence. All 10 face the possibility of execution.

The other defendants, most of them in

their 60s and looking considerably older than when they were arrested between four and nine years ago, walked impassively to their seats behind iron railings in the dock.

Mao's former political secretary, Chen Boda, 76, looked frail and weak and had to be helped by attendants into the court's Marxist theoretician Zhang Chunqiao came in second to last behind Jiang Qing.

Chinese sources say Jiang Qing has refused to confess, maintaining that her actions during the cultural Revolution were at Mao's behest. The television broadcast lasted only five minutes and ended as State Prosecutor Huang Huaqing began reading the 70-page indictment.

The courtroom was packed with nearly 900 subdued spectators. Among them was Wang Guangmei, widow of former President Liu Shaoqi, the main victim of the Cultural Revolution who died in jail in 1969.

Several hundred people gathered outside the entrance to the public security headquarters just off Tiananmen Square, in central Peking, where the trial was being held. But little activity was visible from outside the gates.

Moscow hits U.N. call on Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 21 (AP) — The Soviet Union Friday rejected a new General Assembly demand that it pull its troops out of Afghanistan, just as it rejected the Assembly's first withdrawal demand 10 months ago.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, accused the Assembly of "direct interference" in Afghanistan's internal affairs and said the resolution was "aimed at turning the United Nations into an instrument for such interference."

Western, Islamic and other Third World nations cast 111 votes Thursday for a Third World resolution demanding "the immediate withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan." There were 22 opponents and 12 abstentions.

The Tass report made no mention of the size of the vote against the Soviet Union. Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky told the Assembly the United States and Communist China were responsible for the Kremlin's military intervention in Afghanistan because these nations were waging "an undeclared war" against the country.

Troyanovsky called the resolution "an inadmissible interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and a gross violation of the United Nations charter."

An estimated 85,000 Soviet troops have been stationed in Afghanistan since the Kremlin first intervened last December to replace pro-Marxist Afghan President Hafizullah Amin with Babrak Karmal, another pro-Soviet leader. Amin was executed after the Soviets moved in. They said they were helping the Communist government put down a rebellion by anti-Communist Muslim insurgents.

The Soviet Union rejected a similar resolution adopted by the Assembly on Jan. 14 by a vote of 104-18 with 18 abstentions. That resolution was passed in an emergency Assembly session called after the Soviet Union vetoed Security Council action against the incursion.

Convicted killer dies in Riyadh

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Faddi ibn Dughaylab Al-Shamri, found guilty in Sharia court of stabbing a man to death, was beheaded at Justice Square here after Friday prayers.

Al-Shamri assaulted Ibrahim ibn Rashed Al-Jamia Al-Meteri and stabbed him with a knife, the Interior Ministry said. When police arrested Al-Shamri soon after, they found that he was carrying the knife, the ministry said. He confessed during the investigation. The ministry said Al-Shamri stabbed Al-Meteri several times in the chest. The investigation was carried out in accordance with Sharia procedures, it said.

Hanoi Soviets hide behind French

BANGKOK, Nov. 21 (LAT) — Russians are so unpopular in Vietnam that other white-skinned foreigners have taken to wearing T-shirts advertising that they are not Russians, diplomatic sources said.

One Western diplomat who recently spent more than three weeks in Vietnam said the French Embassy in Hanoi had complained to the foreign ministry that Russians were passing themselves off as Frenchmen.

"It's a matter of personal safety," one diplomat said. "There's a saying in Vietnam that Russians go home in gray bags — body bags, that is."

During the past year there have been numerous but unconfirmed reports of Russian advisers being murdered by Vietnamese. There are an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 Russians in Vietnam.

"Vietnam is such a rumor mill that it's difficult to separate fact from fiction," one source said. "But I did see a Finn who was wearing a T-shirt that said 'Khong Phai Lien-ku,' which literally translated means 'I'm not Russian.' On another occasion I met a Swiss who was wearing the same kind of shirt."

Few if any anti-Russian symptoms have surfaced in Hanoi, where government control is strict. But in unconstructed Saigon, now known as Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnamese make no secret of their hatred of the Russians, it was said.

One diplomat reported that in the Mekong River Delta a Vietnamese interpreter made the mistake of jokingly introducing a French technician as a Russian.

"It was a bad joke," the diplomat said. "The peasants started throwing rocks at the Frenchman."

That the Vietnamese have taken a hearty dislike to the Russians is hardly surprising. Xenophobia is never far from the surface among the Vietnamese, who are nationalists before they are anything else.

Anti-American feeling in South Vietnam frequently exploded into violence during the Vietnam War. Now, it seems, that anti-foreign sentiment has been transferred to the Russians.

U.S. okays Iran's terms on hostages

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AFP) — The 379-day-old U.S. hostage affair appears to have entered a decisive — maybe final — phase after Washington officially confirmed Thursday that the United States had accepted "in principle" Iran's four conditions for releasing the Americans.

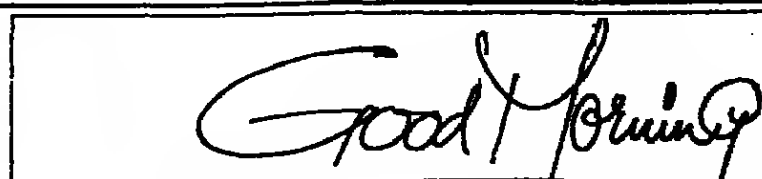
Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said for the first time that the United States had accepted the conditions Tehran set on Nov. 2. These were: a pledge of non-interference by the United States in Iran's internal affairs; releasing Iranian assets frozen in this country; returning the late Shah's wealth; and abandoning some 270 lawsuits against Iran. But Muskie warned the American public not to be overly optimistic. Acceptance in principle of the four conditions did not mean Washington and Tehran had agreed on how to apply the conditions, he said.

On one demand — return of the ex-Shah's wealth — it was hard to see how U.S. leaders could go beyond a mere statement in principle.

Hojatolislam Hasbemi Rafsanjani told a press conference in Algiers Wednesday that the United States had agreed in principle to Iran's conditions for the release of the hostages, who have been held for more than a year.

But the speaker, who is touring Arab countries to present Iran's case against Iraq in the Gulf war, said that acceptance of the principle was "not enough" and that the U.S. government would have to show sincerity and cooperation.

In Tehran, officials had no comment on their envoy's Algiers statement. Algerian officials who have acted as go-betweens in the hostage negotiations said as recently as Wednesday that they were still waiting for an Iranian statement to pass on to Washington.



By Jihad Khazen

In the Fifties and early Sixties as a mere carefree youth, I was a fan of the great Egyptian comedian Ismael Yasseen (now alas dead). There was hardly a film of his I hadn't seen — several of them more than once. And it is to his films that I owe my extensive "education" in the world of Egyptian films, and whatever gaps moviegoing made in my real education.

As I grew up and started working, I drifted away gradually from my earlier enthusiasms. Soon Yasseen's comedies were only a happy memory. And even this soon faded. Until one day, years later, I entered an elevator in a building in Beirut, and saw a face I thought familiar. I looked once, but couldn't place it, so looked again and again. He noticed my inadvertent rudeness and reciprocated with a charming smile. "Yes," he said, "You are right. I am Ismael Yasseen. People often look at me like that."

Now this Yasseen was a revelation. His film persona was always of a comical looking, bedraggled fool. But here in front of me was a gentleman of distinguished appearance, who spoke softly and most

politely. I remarked on my surprise at the difference, and he suddenly and most startlingly transformed his features to the way his fans know best. Proof was thus provided, and we laughed as we said goodbye.

That was a case of life providing an improvement on art. But another story from my past illustrates the reverse. At the same time that I was a fan of Ismael Yasseen, I was also an ardent fan of Elizabeth Taylor. (Not by comedy alone does man — and a young man at that — live.) And I kept faith with her even longer than with Yasseen. Until, that is, I learned what an ardent Zionist she was, and my aesthetic and political allegiances turned against each other.

That was a wound healed by time in due course. And then recently in the United States, I was visiting a fellow journalist who said he was just off to see Miss Taylor in her husband's office. (The lady being married to a politician now) and would I care to join him. I accepted, for old times' sake. And then got there and met the lady, and wished, on strictly aesthetic ground, that I hadn't.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awast

West Indies holds Pakistan in cricket

KARACHI, Nov. 21 (AFP) — Pakistan was restricted to 97 runs for the loss of six wickets at lunch in their limited overs international match against the West Indies here Friday.

West Indies captain Clive Lloyd won the toss and put Pakistan in to bat on an easy paced National Stadium wicket. Fast bowlers Michael Holding and Colin Croft opened the attack against Pakistani openers Taslim Arif and Sadiq Mohammed.

Taslim Arif was lucky to be dropped by Viv Richards off Michael Holding in the very first over when the Pakistani score was only four runs. But Taslim Arif did not take advantage

of his chance and was caught in the fourth slip by Malcolm Marshall off Colin Croft for four runs, with the Pakistani score at five runs.

Number three batsman Mansoor Akhtar was bowled by Joel Garner for 24 runs in the 19th over of the match. The second Pakistani wicket fell at the score of 59 runs.

Pakistani skipper Javed Miandad joined the left handed opener Sadiq Mohammed, who tried to force the pace by driving Malcolm Marshall in the mid-off. But Sadiq was caught by holding in deep mid-on off a ball from Viv Richards in the 22nd over, with the Pakistan score at 74 runs.

Gold gains \$6; dollar rates higher

LONDON, Nov. 21 (R) — The dollar climbed on European foreign exchanges Friday because of rising U.S. interest rates. Gold rose \$6.

Dealers said interest rates for dollars deposited outside the United States rose by up to 0.25 per cent following a decision Thursday by the Continental Illinois Bank of Chicago to raise its prime lending rate to 17 per cent from 16.25 per cent.

All other major U.S. banks raised their prime rate, at which they lend to their best corporate customers, to 16.25 per cent from 15.5 per cent on Monday. U.S. interest rates are climbing because of restrictive central bank monetary policies aimed at reducing inflation. Dealers said they expected most banks to follow Continental Illinois and this was strengthening the dollar.

The U.S. currency was quoted at 1.92 West

German marks compared to 1.91 at Thursday close and at 1.73 Swiss francs.

The pound sterling also ground to the climbing dollar. It was quoted at \$2.37 after closing at \$2.38 London Thursday.

Gold was fixed in London at \$637.75 a ounce, more than \$6 higher than its closing price Thursday. Bullion dealers said the metal's rise was caused by market anxiety over possible oil price rises and concern over Poland.

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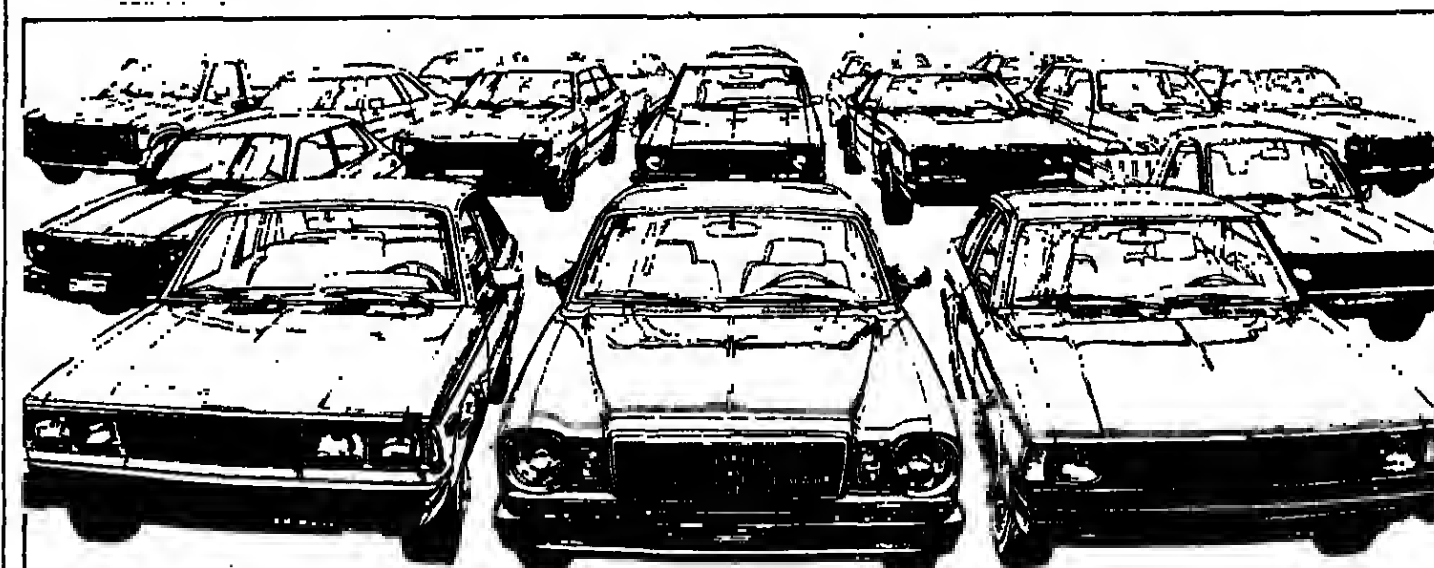
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